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WORTLEY BROS.

Are ready to show an IMMENSE STOCK of

OVERCOATS AND SUITS FOR

Men, Boys and Children.

They are New, Stylish and Serviceable, and no house in the county can show such goods at the prices we name.

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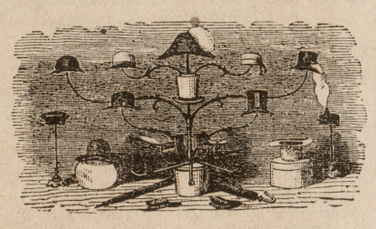

We also take great pleasure in showing Hats and Caps, for never did we have so many Nobby Styles.

We have more styles and a better line of Cloths for Custom Tailoring this Season and we invite everybody to come and look us over. We have Bargains for them.

C. S. Wortley & Bro.

Barnum & Earl,

27 Congress Street,

YPSILANTI, - MICH.

Have you called to look over our Fine New Stock of Goods, especially adapted to the wants of the People for

HOLIDAY PRESENTS,

Etc., Etc., Etc.

Since our removal to our **New Store** we have increased our stock very largely, and our Sales have more than kept apace. We want everyone to know that we have a very

Fine Stock of

Jewelry, Silver-ware, Etc.

WE want them to know that we are enjoying an Extensive Trade, and to know that we have gained it by Fair Dealing and Reasonable Prices, and that we adhere to the Principles heretofore advertised, that we **will not be undersold on goods equal to those handled by us.** Our Experience and tests have been sufficient to show us which are the best. Give us a call.

Respectfully,

BARNUM & EARL.

South Side Congress St.

Christmas

— AT —

Samson's.

Grand Opening

— OF —

Holiday Goods,

SATURDAY

DEC. 9.

AND CONTINUING UNTIL THE

DAWN of the NEW YEAR.

150

Feet of Room including

Two Stories

ALL FULL OF

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New Goods

ARRIVING EVERY DAY.

Hon. George W. Bain

The eloquent Kentucky champion gives his New Temperance Lecture at Light Guard Hall next Wednesday evening. Don't need to say a word to bring out a large audience. Admission 10 cents.

Dr. Vincent

The famous Sunday School man and eloquent lecturer at the M. E. church next Thursday evening. All will want to hear Dr. Vincent on "That Boy." Rev. Mr. Sunderland says this lecture "can't be beat." Admission 25 cents. Reserved seats at W. H. Sweet's without extra charge. Worth a half-dozen opera entertainments.

Local Matters.

The COMMERCIAL wishes a happy New Year to every body and especially to numerous friends and patrons.

20, 25, 30 per cent off on dress goods at W. H. Sweet's.

Do you know that Glover is giving 25 per cent off on all goods?

Where do you buy your kid gloves? A. Williams & Co, want to know.

Rev. Mr. McLain had an interested audience at St. Luke's Christmas.

St John's church had a crowded house and profitable time as usual Christmas.

Rev. G. D. Witt, Talmage is down in the Star Lecture course Ann Arbor next month.

Geo. A. Neat is up to time for Holiday trade and next week he proposes a proclamation for 1883.

Until too late in the week we came across Rev. Mr. Sunderland's Thanksgiving sermon being mislaid, to quote from it this week.

Our post-office brags on the biggest mail Christmas day they ever had. It was a bouncer. The express office was overflowed in the same way.

Out of sixteen varieties Mr. A. R. Darling raised this year he proposes to retain a dozen for planting next year. Last year he saved the sixteen out of twenty varieties.

No person with good health and a paying business or a productive farm in Michigan should think of leaving to test the uncertainties of a new country.

"From forty to fifty of the marriageable young women of Rockville, Ill., have formed a temperance organization which forbids "hitching" to any young man who drinks or uses even tobacco in any form."

We have been too much under the weather healthwise to pay much attention to our neighbor of the Sentinel. When we do we shall get down to facts and figures and let personal abuse out. It don't weigh a feather.

Mrs. F. K. Owen is interested, by personal knowledge and earnest attention to the subject, in the wrongs of our Indians and their moral improvement. Petitions circulated by her ought to pour into Congress.

The Davis fire kindling company is marching on. Mr. A. J. Leetch has purchased an interest and the manufacturing will hereafter be on a larger scale in Mr. Leetch's building, just vacated by Mr. Rogers.

The lottery is founded in fraud and always an unblushing system of robbery, and there is not a single manager of a lottery or gift enterprise who ought not to be in the penitentiary for abetting a thoroughly matured scheme of larceny. It is always theft, pure and simple, and its character is not altered either by the sanction of a State or the patronage of a church. Clothe it as we may, underneath are the leopard's spots which nothing can change.—*N. Y. Sun.*

Next Saturday Evening, Jan. 6th, the citizens of Ypsilanti will have another opportunity of hearing Stanhope, the pretty little juvenile opera. It is written and composed by two young gentlemen of this city and is pronounced a great success by all who have heard it. The cast of characters will be much the same with a few slight changes. For the benefit of those who will be unable to attend in the evening, a matinee will be given Saturday afternoon at 2:30. Proceeds for improvement of Band of Hope hall.

Burt Youngs, a boy about eleven years of age, brother-in-law to Mr. C. J. Kelly, Ypsilanti town, hitched up a pair of 3 year old colts, last Thursday, belonging to Mr. Kelly and came near getting more than he bargained for. They started to run with him, but he held on pluckily, finally running them over the ditch into a rail fence, tearing down the fence for a dozen or more rods. Strange to say nothing was injured about the buggy, the only person hurt was thrown violently to the ground trying to stop the team. No bones broken.

A KNABE IN THE WHITE HOUSE.—There was seen yesterday at Messrs. Knabe & Co.'s factory a magnificent concert grand, just finished by them for the presidential mansion. President Arthur, who is a thorough connoisseur of music, in selecting a piano for the White House, decided in favor of the Knabe Piano as his preference, and ordered accordingly the instrument referred to. It is a concert grand, of beautiful finish, in a richly carved rosewood case, and of superb tone and action—an instrument worthy in every respect of the place it is to occupy. It was shipped to its destination yesterday.

CLOSE CALL.—Mr. A. J. Knapp, his son and a neighbor were returning home Wednesday evening. When this side of the M. S & L. S. R. R. crossing the tongue fell which caused the horses to run. Somehow both horses managed to get on the same side of the tongue and upset the wagon. Mr. Knapp struck on his head and shoulders, considerably hurt. The others escaped uninjured. Mr. Knapp and neighbor returned to Dr. Post's. The Dr. applied bandages and remedies and the next morning he was able to return home feeling quite comfortable. The son followed the team which had become released from the wagon, apparently not much damaged.

The campaign at Smith's is booming for New Years as well as Christmas.

The boys in the malt house made Worgor George a nice Christmas present.

F. J. Swayne had a nice Christmas tree in true English style at his residence.

Our thanks to Frank Lambie, Detroit for his elegant News Year's Greeting, a poem.

We congratulate Mac & Mac on having a grandfather in the concern, John Wilson being a glad father.

Your own fault if you do not get that beautiful Aldine at this office for a new years' present.

His many friends in Ypsilanti will be glad to know that Dr. Cocker is improving from his recent serious illness.

The Baptist society have a quantity of good brick on hand for sale at reasonable rates. Call at the store of W. H. Sweet.

Mr. Rogers has temporaly moved his pump factory in the basement of John Boyce's boot and shoe store.

A column would not have suffered for the personals this week had all the school teachers and others reported to us.

The Normal and Seminary proffessors are of course at Lansing attending the State Teacher's Association this week.

☞ If any of our subscribers abroad fail to get their Aldine present notify us by postal and it will be sent forthwith. It is a beauty.

Germand Sherwood one of the most noted pioneers of Ypsilanti town died the 27th. at the advanced age of eighty—additional notice next week

Ypsilanti has been a scene of active trade the last few days. The COMMERCIAL's invitation to come to Ypsilanti to purchase holiday goods seems to have been quite generally and widely accepted.

We received too late for publication in full a notice of a teachers Institute to be held in the Child's school house next Saturday at ten A. M. Porter Ballard will deliver a poem and Dr. Megan delivers an address etc.

Users of the weed, if you want to lay in a stock for the new year, or if you intend buying anything in that line, call on Shemeld & Cook at the depot. Newspapers and periodicals furnished at reasonable rates. Candies, stationery, etc., etc.

Unclaimed letters Dec. 28th: Geo. Chipman; Robert Cooley; John Carnell; Libbie Cook; John Hall; W. H. Caniff; John Chatham; Anna Jenks; Edwin Morse; Will McElcheran: James W. Seymour; Rachel Thompson; Cone Warner; E. H. Zinnings; Anna B. Lambert 3.

We are pleased to note that the Council have erected five additional lanterns and posts on Huron street between Cross and Congress. We would suggest that two additional ones be erected on the west side of the street between Ellis and the post-office. The lanterns were put up by the Penninsular Gas Light Co. and are beauties. The COMMERCIAL waking up has again borne fruit.

I am requested by Mrs. Bennett of Norris street to make this acknowledgement, and to thank those friends who so cheerfully responded to my solicitations for help for herself and family, on Christmas day. The sum contributed was twenty-two dollars and fifty cents. It was a genuine surprise to her, and received with that gratefulness of heart and modesty becoming a worthy woman. J. T. HAYWOOD.

YPSILANTI, Dec. 26, 1882.

EDITOR OF THE COMMERCIAL.—The communication sent your paper a short time since relative to the city printing, which has received some comment, was simply taken from the report of the clerk, which any one may see on reference to the proceedings of the Council. If the proceedings as published does not suit them it is no fault of mine.

F. HINCKLEY.

DOING PRETTY WELL, BUT CAN DO BETTER.—The Marshal smiles now as he surveys Huron street. Its cleanly walks and beautiful residences. The seed sown has resulted in a bountiful harvest. There are a few side streets where the pedestrians complain bitterly. It won't be pleasant to have $100 fine slapped on, oweing to the neglect of keeping your sidewalks, though not as public a resort as Huron street, clean of snow and ice. The council has ordered the marshall to enforce that ordinance and like U. S. Grant's generals he obeys orders.

We return our thanks for a card miniature of this valuable western Journal, the "Western Rural." It is an out spoken sentinal of the people. We add:

The Western Rural, now about entering the twenty-first year of its publication, is one of the most widely circulated weekly papers in this country, and is rapidly growing in favor among the farmers, for its practical agricultural literature, and for its outspoken condemnation of fraud, wherever found. Its opposition to the encroachments of monopoly find a hearty co-operation everywhere. The Alliance movement, inaugurated a little more than two years ago by The Rural, already represents the prevailing sentiment in some of our halls of legislation. For sample copies address,

THE WESTERN RURAL
Chicago Ill.

ALL RIGHT CALIFORNIA.

OAKLAND CAL., Dec. 18th, 1882.

C. R. PATTISON:

Dear Sir.—Pardon me for neglecting you. I always intend to pay the printer promptly and be happy. You have enough to contend with in your beastly climate. I suppose the thermometer is way down below zero in your part of the world and all the time sinking, while here in the country that God made for man to live in, everything is lovely, the grass is green, the roses are blooming in the front yards, and all nature is beautiful to look upon. The birds stay with us all the year through. We pity you who have to live in a country where the birds will not stay only about six months in the year. I enclose $1.50 for one years' subscription to COMMERCIAL. Will try and not fall behind again. I remain your old townsman and friend,

E. D. ORMSBY.

NORMAL ITEMS.

Prof. George lectured at Webberville Tuesday evening.

The library has been open afternoons during the interim of the holidays.

The juniors intended to coast at their social, but that part of their fun played out.

The Senior's social at Prof. Putnam's was an enjoyable occasion. In addition to the class the faculty and their wives were present. The literary exercises consisted of a vocal duet, Misses Barr and Cheever. Recitation, Lena Noyes. Declamation, J. H. Hanford. After an elegant collation the following toasts were responded to: "The class of '83", L. J. Meacham. "Christmas", Fannie L. Cheever. "The Ladies", Fred R. Stansell. "Stage Productions", Florance B. Kinne. "The Host and Hostess", Prof. Austin George. The exercises of the evening closed with a quartette by the Misses Southwick and Cheever, and Messrs. Marble and McFetridge.

MARRIED.

GIBSON—McCUNE.—In this city on the 29th inst, by Rev. I. N. Elwood, ANDREW L. A. GIBSON and MISS LIZZIE McCUNE, both of Sumpter.

WORDEN—BOYLE.—At the residence of the bride's mother, Huron street, on the 25th inst., by Rev. I. N. Elwood, MR. WALLACE W. WORDEN and MISS ROSA A. BOYLE, all of Ypsilanti.

SIMPSON—CAMPBELL.—On the 27th inst., in this city, by Rev. I. N. Elwood, MR. EUGENE C. SIMPSON and MISS LUCINDA M. CAMPBELL, both of the township of Ypsilanti.

CLARK—McFARLAND.—At the residence of the bride's father, Thos. McFarland, Esq., on the 27th inst., by Rev. I. N. Elwood, MR. FRANK CLARK, of Detroit, and MISS VIOLA MCFARLAND, of Ypsilanti.

BRYANT—BAILEY.—At the Detroit House, Ypsilanti, December 25th, 1882, by the Rev. J. Sunderland, MR. DANIEL S. BRYANT of Canton Township, Wayne Co. Mich., and MISS ADELAIDE S. BAILEY of Ypsilanti.

PATTISON—PULLEN.—At the residence of the bride's mother, at Ypsilanti, Monday, December 25th, 1882, by the Rev. Mr. Sunderland, MR. WARREN F. PATTISON and MISS EFFIE A. PULLEN, both of this city.

An enjoyable occasion to the pleasant company of relatives. Handsome presents.

COOK—VOORHIES.—At the residence of the bride's parents, at Ypsilanti, December 25th, 1882, by Rev. G. L. Pearson, GEO. A. COOK and MARY E. VOORHIES.

Mr. Cook clerks at Wortley & Bro., making the second clerk married recently. All it needs now is for Jabez to marry to give the firm the reputation of a marrying institution.

NASH—LEVER.—At the residence of Wm. Holmes, in Canton, Wednesday Dec. 20, by the Rev. Mr. Warren of Denton, MR. JOHN E. NASH and MISS JESSIE M. LEVER, both of Canton.

A large and pleasant gathering. Mr. and Mrs. Holmes entertained the guests handsomely. Thanks for nice cake. The following is the lists of presents:

Wash bowl and pitcher, bed spread, table cloth, one dozen napkins and and one doz. sauce dishes, Mrs. Lever. Very nice lamp, Mr. and Mrs. Fransisco. Glass water pitcher and nalf doz. goblets, Mr. and Mrs. Westfall. Washbowl and pitcher, Mrs. Nash. Pair vases and cake stand, Mrs. J. Redmond of Grand Rapids. Elegant tea pot, Mr. and Mrs. F. Corwin. Pair silver napkin rings, Miss Christie Gill. Glass celery dish, Mrs. J. Corwin. Silver butter knife, Mr. Alton Lewis. Glass fruit dish, Mrs. L. Leighton. Washbowl, pitcher and towel, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Smith. Elegant stand cover, Mrs. Wm. Redmond, of Grand Rapids. Handsome mahogany furnished work stand, James H. Lever of Grand Rapids. Majolica pickle dish, Miss Susie E. Huston. One half doz. silver teaspoons and sugar spoon gold lined, Mr. J. Barrowcliff. Silver butter knife, Miss Hattie Burgess. One doz. elegant napkins, Mr. and Mrs. P. Goodell. Handsome lamp, Miss Ella Nash. Pair vases and silver napkin rings, Miss. Lottie Lever. Lace and red satin tidy, Miss Maude Cady. Pair vases, Aggie Reymond. Silver thimble, Miss Sara Lever. Four fruit plates Mr. and Mrs. Vorce. Two pair towels, Mr. J. Kitchen. One pair towels, Mrs. C. Lewis. Glass sugar bowl, butter dish, spoon holder and creamer, Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson. Silver thimble, Mr. Aaron Holmes. Towel, Eva Fransisco. Silver butter knife, Miss Viola Cady.

DIED.

CLARK.—In Ypsilanti Dec. 18th GRANT S. CLARK aged 9 years and 6 months.

BAUMAN.—In Ypsilanti Dec. 26 ELIZABETH BAUMAN aged 65 years, 10 months and 16 days.

COREY—In this city Dec. 23 LOUIS COREY, aged 74.

Mr. Corey was born in Shorham, Adison county, Vermont, and united with the Congregational church when but sixteen years old. Came to Michigan in July 1844 settled on a farm in Pittsfield. He went to California with a number of other friends in 1852. In 1854 he moved into the city and took up his trade of a carpenter. He lived a quiet, unassuming christian life. When the Congregational Society was organized he united with it. His pastor Rev. Mr. Grannis closed his remarks at the funeral in the following beautiful and appropriate language: "His cradle was in New England; his grave in Michigan; and his home in Heaven." He leaves the companion of his youth, and three sons, Aaron L., Milo M., and Charles S.

Funeral services conducted by Rev. G. H. Grannis, assisted by Rev. Dr. McCorkle.

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Illiteracy in the United States

The United States boast of the intelligence of their people and point with pride to the ample provision made for the education of their children. The common school, however, has not become universal and its effects, in some localities are not yet apparent. The census of 1880 furnishes a view of the illiteracy of the whole country and locates the lights and shades which denote the prevalence of intelligence or ignorance with startling accuracy. The statistics are based upon the total number of persons of the age of ten years and upward. Of this class the aggregate, according to the census, was 36,-761,607, of whom 4,923,451, or 13.4 per cent., could not read and 6,239,958, or 17 per cent., were unable to write.

Taking those that could not write as the basis for the calculations on the national illiteracy and dividing them according to nationality and color these results are obtained: Of native whites who could not write there were 2,255,-460, or 8.7 per cent. of the total population; of foreign whites, 763,620, or 12 per cent., and of colored persons, 3,220,-878, or 70 per cent. It will be observed that the colored illiterates comprise more than half of the whole number, although the colored population is only one-eighth of the total population.

With 70 per cent. of the colored population unable to write it will be seen at once that the Southern States make a very poor showing in comparison with the North. Southern illiteracy is not confined, however, to the colored people. Of the native whites in Alabama 25 per cent. were unable to write, while in Connecticut only one per cent. were thus illiterate. The average per centage of illiteracy among the native born white population of the Northern States is 3.2 per cent., while in the Southern States it is 21.2 per cent. Of the Northern States Delaware shows the highest percentage of native born citizens who cannot write, 8.1 per cent. being thus unfortunate, while Massachusetts is the lowest, only 7-10 of one per cent. of her natives being unable to write. Of all classes who cannot write Alabama has the highest number according to population, her per centage being 50.9, while Nebraska has the lowest, having 3.6 per cent. The most illiterate of the territories is New Mexico, of whose total population 65 per cent. were returned unable to write, while Wyoming makes the best showing with but 3.4 per cent.

It will be well for the people of every state and territory in the Union to file away this suggestive bulletin and give some of their spare hours to its study. The illiterate states need to have their educational energies quickened by its perusal, while the more intelligent will be given some points that may teach them where to look for the few scattering children within their borders who have thus far eluded the schoolmaster.

A Chinese New Year's Celebration.

The Chinese New Year's day in 1882 fell on the seventeenth of February. They have a week of holidays at their New Year, just as we do between the twenty-fifth of December and the first of January.

In the cities they make a fine display of fireworks, but none of the Chinese people in Santa Barbara are rich, so there were no fireworks, except crackers; but there were barrels and barrels full of these, and the Chinese boys do not fire off crackers on their New Year's day as American boys do, a cracker at a time, or one package at a time: they bring out a large box full, or a barrel full, and fire them off, package after package, as fast as they can, till the air is as full of smoke as if there were a fire, and the ground is covered with red, half-burned ends.

Long before we reached the part of the town where most of the Chinese live, we heard the noise of the crackers going off; but the Chinese did not seem to mind it at all. They were hopping about in the smoke, pouring the crackers on the ground, box after box, barrel after barrel. You could not see their faces clearly for the smoke. Groups of American boys stood as near as they dared, looking on. Now and then one would dart in and snatch up one cracker, or a string of them, which had not gone off.

I thought the American boys had almost as much fun out of it as the Chinese.

Every Chinese family keeps open house on New Year's day. They set up a picture or an image of their god in some prominent place, and on a table in front of this they put a little feast of good things to eat. Some are for an offering to the god, and some are for their friends who call.

It was amusing to watch the American boys darting about from shop to shop and house to house, coming out with their hands full of queer Chinese things to eat, showing them to each other, and comparing notes.

"Oh, let me taste that!" one boy would exclaim, on seeing some new thing; and, "Where did you get it? Which houses give that?" Then the whole party would race off to make a descent on that house, and get some more. I thought it wonderfully hospitable on the part of the Chinese people to let all these American boys run in and out of their houses in that way, and help themselves from the New Year's feast.

Some of the boys were very rude and ill-mannered—little better than street beggers; but the Chinese were polite and generous to them all.

In some of the stores there were men playing a game which has been played, under different names, all over the world. It consists simply in one man holding out his hand, with part of the fingers closed and part open, and his antagonist calling out, instantly, how many of his fingers are open. One would think nothing could be easier than this. Bul when the movements are made rapidly it is next to impossible to call out the number quickly without making a mistake. For every mistake a fine of some sort, according to the agreement of the players, is to be paid. These Chinese men played it with such vehemence that the perspiration stood on their foreheads, and their shrill crying out of the numbers sounded like unbroken sentences; there did not seem a breath between them. They rested their elbows on the table, and, with every opening and closing of the fingers, thrust the fore-arm forward to its full length, so there was violent exercise in it.

Taking Offense.

There is immense wisdom in the old proverb: "He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty." Hannah More said: "If I wished to punish an enemy, I should make him hate somebody." To punish ourselves for others' faults is superlative folly The arrow shot from another's bow is practically harmless until our thought barbs it. It is our pride that makes another's criticism rankle, our self-will that makes another's deed offensive, our egotism that is hurt by another's self assertion. Well may we be offended at faults of our own, but we can hardly afford to be miserable for the faults of others. A courtier told Constantine that the mob had broken the head of his statue with stones. The emperor lifted his hand to his head saying: "It is very surprising, but I don't feel hurt in the least." We should remember that the world is wide—that there are thousand millions of different human wills, opinions, ambitions, tastes, and loves; that each person has a different history, constitution, culture, character from all the rest; that human life is the work, the play, the ceasless action and reaction upon each other of these different living atoms. We should go forth into life with the smallest expectations, but with the largest patience; with a keen relish for, and appreciation of, everything beautiful, great, and good, but with a temper so genial that the friction of the world cannot wear upon our sensibilities, and equanimity so settled that no passing breath or accidental disturbance shall agitate or ruffle it, and with a charity broad enough to cover the whole world's evil, and sweet enough to neutralize what is bitter in it, determined not to be offended when no offence is meant, not even then unless the offence is worth noticing. Nothing short of a malicious injury or flattery should offend us. He who can wilfully injure another is an object of pity rather than of treatment, andit is a question whether there is enough of a flatterer for a whole-souled man to be offended with.

Serious Hurts that Fail to Kill.

A short time ago a shoemaker of Astoria, N. Y., shot himself twice with a heavy pistol, once in the ear and once in the mouth. He was brought to the Roosevelt Hospital, in this city, where it was discovered that the first ball glanced from the skull. The other is thought to be somewhere in the head, perhaps in the brain. Speedy death was expected; but the next day the patient walked away from the hospital, saying that he was sorry for the attempt on his life, but appeared to be in no immediate danger of dying.

With this case as a text, a writer in a morning paper reviews a large number of more or less marvelous cases of recovery from grievous hurts, showing that serious injuries to the main organs of the body are not always followed by death. Men persist in living, not only with bullets in their brain, holes in their stomach, dislocated vertebræ, and wounds in the heart, but even with open wounds clear through the body. During the civil war, General H. A. Barnum, of Brooklyn, received in battle a wound which still remains an open passage through the body. For years the treatment of this wound has been simply to wear in it a roll of prepared lint, which is renewed daily. The suppuration of the wound is constant though variable.

General Shields, of Missouri, had a similar wound extending through his body, and open in front and behind. His wound, it is said, was received in the Mexican war, and he wore, not lint, but a silk handkerchief in it. This he could draw directly through his body

The Digestion of an Ostrich.

Century.

It has commonly been made to appear that ostriches are so stupid or so greedy as to be totally indiscriminate in the matter of food; but this is a mistake. When two kinds of food are placed before them they will prefer the one, and are notably fond of certain kinds, such as mealies and prickly pears. Many of them even show delicate choice. But a hungry bird will eat almost anything. His system requires food in large quantity, but he always prefers the suitable kinds. It is a fact, however, that the ostrich often dies a victim of over-indulgence. On the farms birds also die by the score from apoplexy, brought on by their keepers stuffing them constantly with all they can eat. An incredible number of pebbles are sometimes found in an ostrich's stomach, where they serve the same purpose, in triturating the food, as sand in a pigeon's gizzard. Mr. Tillbrook, a farmer of the Graaff Reinet district, once found a carcass, the gizzard of which contained some nine hundred and thirty stones of sizes varying from that of a pea to that of a walnut. Most of them were bright and hard, and all more or less rounded by constant rubbing. We may see the reason of that instinct which prompts an ostrich to stretch his neck over the fence and pick off a gold stud or a diamond pin from the breast of the unsuspecting visitor; or in default of a jewel so attractive, to attempt to pull a button off his coat.

If the typical young man under discussion were to catalogue under their names all his escapades which his friends generally denominate "wild oats," his own mother would blush to own him—no respectable family would admit him to his doors.

An actress who has lately figured as plaintiff in a libel suit at New York, was again in court as a witness. She was twice asked her age and refused to answer, but finally compromised the matter by saying, "I was born in July, 1856 I guess you can figure from that."

Rather a Mistake.

Chamber's Journal.

Occasionally very awkward consequences have been known to follow from acting on the spur of the moment. It is related of Lord Ellenborough that when on one occasion he was about to set on circuit, his wife expressed a wish to accompany him, a proposition to which his lordship assented, provided there were no band-boxes tucked under the seat of his carriage, as he had too often found there had been when honored with her ladyship's company before. Accordingly they both set out together, but had not proceeded very far before the judge, stretching out his legs under the seat in front of him, kicked against one of the flimsy receptacles which he had specially prohibited. Down went the window with a bang, and out went the bandbox into the ditch. The startled coachman immediately commenced to pull up, but was ordered to drive on and let the thing lie where it was. They reached the assized town in due course, and his lordship proceeded to robe for the court. "And now, where's my wig? Where's my wig?" he demanded, when everything else had been donned. "Your wig, my lord," replied the servant tremulously, "was in the bandbox your lordship threw out of the window as we came along."

Every heavy burden of sorrow seems like a stone hung around our neck, yet they are often like the stone used by the pearl divers, which enable them to reach the prize and rise enriched.

An honest reputation is within the reach of all men; yet they obtain it by social virtues and doing their duty. This kind of reputation, it is true, is neither brilliant nor startling, but it is often the most useful for happiness.

The love of display which results in vulgar ostentation is the result of selfishness, of a desire to excite the envy of others rather than the wish to share benefits with them—an effort to appear great without striving to be great in reality.

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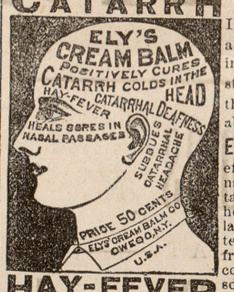

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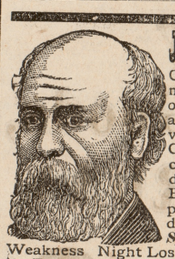
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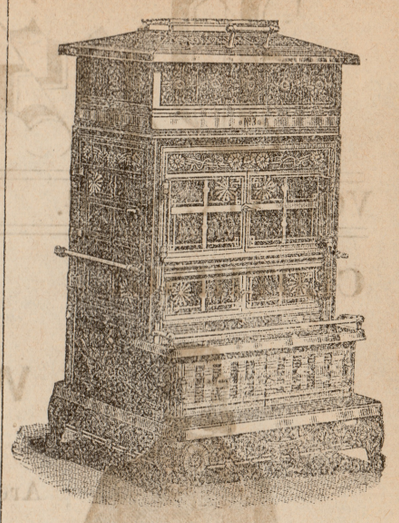
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And never has a word in its praise;
Somebody sings the whole day long,
Likes the world and all its ways,
Somebody says it's a queer old place,
Where none of the people do as they should,
Then, somebody thinks it full of grace,
And wouldn't change the folks if he could.

Somebody calls it cruel and cold,
Full of sin, and sorrow, and pain,
Where life is but a search for gold,
And souls are lost in selfish gain,
Somebody merrily laughs—and cries,
"Hurrah for such a dear old earth,
Success shall crown the man who tries
To make his mark by honest worth."

Somebody groans and shakes his head,
Calls his lot a wretched one;
Somebody wishes that he were dead,
'Cause somebody else has all the fun.
But still, I fancy, you're sure to find,
Tho' good or evil, or pain or care,
One certain fact—so make up your mind,
That—somebody always gets his share.

STRANGE STORY.

Omaha Herald.

The clear tones of the town clock struck nine as I closed my heavy ledger, laid down my pen, lit a cigar and started homeward.

It was a beautiful, clear November night. The air was cool and invigorating, the stars were out in all their glory, and the mellow light of the moon gave the dull streets of the town a weird and romantic appearance. It was so still that the crackling of the dry leaves as the sudden gusts of wind swept them over the streets, almost seemed painful to the ear. At that hour the streets in the vicinity of my office were comparatively deserted, and as I moved toward the corner of Tenth and Farnam streets there was nothing to break the silence but the sound of my own footsteps.

But as I reached that corner I was startled to hear coming towards me, as from a distance, the rapid strokes of a horse's feet clattering over the stones. Nearer and nearer they came, until they swept by me with the speed of lightning, going southward. But what was my amazement when although the thunderous sound of the horse's feet shook the pavement on which I stood, and although I could feel the rush of cold wind as it swept by, the horse itself was invisible to my eyes. It seemed impossible that I should not see him in the clear, cold night, under the stars; and yet, strange as it may seem, I could discern nothing whatever of the creature either before or after it passed me!

Here was a mystery. I am anything but superstitious, and immediately began to argue myself into the belief that I had been deluded, but in spite of all the common places that we console ourselves with in cases of this kind, I could not drive away a strange and uncomfortable feeling of nervousness that was creeping over me. I determined to step in and ask a friend, who lived close by, if he had heard anything of this mysterious horseman.

X—— was a man apparently of high culture, who had traveled, and always seemed to have plenty of money. He was at this time about 40 years of age, tall, and of fine appearance, except that he seemed perpetually haunted by the deepest melancholy. I understood that he had experienced trouble in his youth, but on this point he was very reserved, and never let a word escape from which we might obtain a clue to his past history.

He had been reading as I stepped into his room in the hotel, but noticing my pale and troubled face, he laid down his book and said: "You seem excited, George. Anything occurred to disturb your serenity of mind?'

'Well,' I replied, 'my dear X——, I have such a strange story to tell that you'll laugh at me, sure. You know I I'm not superstitious, or nervous, and yet to-night I heard the strangest—hark! There it is again, and I rushed to the window, dragging him after me. Then swept by the strange clatter of hoofs which had before startled me, and died away in the distance. Dread and astonishment froze me to my place, and an icy thrill of horror shot through my veins.

But never did I see the face of man change as did my friend's. His pale and noble countenance seemed suddenly of a greenish hue, and like two red and glowing coals his eyes blazed under contracted brows. 'My fate! my fate!' he muttered in a harsh and grating tone, 'I cannot escape from thee, —thou followest me ever. But the grave will soon shut me from your sight, and then our warfare will be ended!'

I was so agitated and shocked at hearing these words from him that I sank down powerless on a sofa. He, seeing my distress, seemed suddenly to recollect himself, and going to a small cupboard poured out a glass of brandy, which he offered me. Then addressing me in an altered tone, mournful indeed, but calm, he told me the following story:

'George, my dear fellow,' he began, 'I have never told you anything of my past life, but I feel now that the time has come. In a little while this voice which is speaking to you will be stilled forever. Nay, start not, I have no evil design, but I know my fate. Now for my story. In my youth I dwelt in a city far away from here on the shores of the Atlantic. It is unnecessary that you should know any more of that. My parents were wealthy. I was well educated and received all that a young man could demand. In time I met and loved the beautiful Alice B——. She had many admirers, but I seemed to be the favored one. But among my rivals was one Henry Arlington, who had been acquainted with my beloved ever since they were children, and for a time I feared he might be successful. Ah! in those days pride and jealousy filled my whole being, and have now finally brought me to my ruin. I remember that when young Arlington and myself hot with fury, our eyes blazing, were about to fly at each other in the garden back of her house, she, who had in some way heard of our quarrel, came down and begged us by the love we both professed for her to desist. Ah, my lost one! why had I not always listened to her voice as then.

'Well, we were married, and I was the happiest man alive. Not a cloud marred the serenity of my life, until—in one day, in one moment, came the infernal spirit and blasted my happiness forever. Returning one evening from my business rather earlier than usual, as I was about to enter my gate, I saw in a retired part of the garden my wife and—young Arlington. To describe my emotions would be impossible. Oh, how I had loved that woman, and now it seemed she was faithless to me. Where I stood in the shade of a large tree I was unseen, but I could hear what they were saying. My first impulse was to rush forward and dash the man to the earth; but he seemed about to leave her, so I waited. Presently they parted, he held her hand a long time, and I could see that her eyes were filled with tears. Arlington turned down one of the sidewalks of the garden, mounted his horse, which was hitched there, and rode away slowly, in deep meditation. I could see that my presence was not suspected. Like a tiger following his prey through the jungle, with eye ablaze and my whole being burning with rage and hatred, I followed him. Enough; the path led down by the river side, high over arched with old and mighty trees. As he passed along in a lonely and secluded spot I leaped suddenly upon him from behind, and, with the strength of a madman, grasping his throat I dragged him out of the saddle to the ground. Over and over we rolled in desperate struggle. I had no weapon. I might have strangled him, but at this moment, getting one hand free, he drew a small dagger and made a lunge at me. I felt the steel enter my left arm, but the pain was nothing compared with my joy at seeing a weapon. With both hands I tore it from him, stabbed him again and again, and threw him into the river.

'In a moment after the deed was done the fearful thought of the crime I had committed rushed over me. The horse had fled in wild terror during our struggle, and as he was a splendid animal and known to everybody, suspicion would be aroused. The whole country would be on the alert. I would be captured and suffer an ignominious death. But, alas, what had I to live for? She, my love, my darling, was false to me. I would leave her and this place forever. In the darkness of the night I fled, taking with me what money was in my office.

'That place has seen my face no more. I have wandered in many lands, over the sands of Egypt, the deserts of Persia, the wide steppes of Siberia. Every capital of Europe I have visited. All excitement, pleasure, dissipation, I have tasted, but I cannot escape from myself, Ten thousand eyes glare from the heavens and denounce me for my crime. Before my eyes two shadowy forms forever stalk and reproach me. For she, alas, was innocent! In an unguarded moment she had consented to his desire that a last interview might be granted before he started on a long journey;—in an evil hour I saw them—and slew him. The fearful news of the murder and my flight soon reached her, and knowing suspicions, grief crazed her, and in two days she died. Happy is she to find in the grave the rest that I can never know!

'But this mysterious horseman. One night as I was slowly walking up the Nevasky Prospect in St. Petersburg came this same strange clatter of hoofs. Only to my ear it came then; nobody else heard it, and a voice cried to me: 'Twice more I come and then thou shall join us!' 'Twas his voice; 'twas the clatter of his horse' hoofs as I had heard them on that evil day so long ago.

I fell on the pavement and for many weeks was delirious. Again in a secluded country road in England one wild September evening, I met him and he cried, "Once more I come and then thou shalt join us!' And now, to-night, again, my dear friend, have we see him. I feel that my time has come.'

With breathless attention I had listened to this strange and terrible story, and when he had finished we both remained with our eyes fixed on the ground in silence. I was overwhelmed with such a whirl of emotion that I could think of nothing to say, and he seemed buried in bitter reverie, but finally raising his head, he said: "Let us walk out; it seems so warm here I could fancy the walls were closing around me." Again we walked out in the clear night.

As we went along my companion many a time raised his eyes to the skies and the stars. Then he turned and looked back at the river glimmering in the moonlight. We were on the ground near the Omaha high school building when suddenly he bade me stop and listen.

'Hark!' said he, 'it is coming!' and his face turned marble. As I gazed in the same direction I saw coming towards us in the clear moonlight a shadowy steed with a spectral rider, whose face, pale and stern, was fixed with stony glare upon my companion, who returned the look with one of despair and pride.

'Come!' said the spectre, in a voice that froze my blood, as he grasped X——by the wrist.

I fainted.

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'Surely I haven't slept here all night,' said I as I raised myself up, stiff and weary, from the floor of my office. Can this all have been a dream? I hope so. There is my chair upside down on the floor. I must have fallen out of it, and laid here on this cold oil cloth all night; and this has bred this horrible dream in my imagination.

I went to the door. The morning paper was there. Opening it, the first thing I read was a notice headed in large capitals, that made a tremor run through my frame. My friend X—— had been found—dead—near the high school grounds, with no mark of violence on his person, except that round his wrist were pressed the marks of fingers, that had sunk nearly to the bone! G. E. H.

Prehistoric joke: "Did you present your account to the defendant?" inquired a lawyer of his client. "I did. sir." "What did he say?" "He told me to go to the devil, sir." "Well, and what did you do after that?" "Why, I came to you, sir."

Concerning the person who recently lost his life in a burning Pullman car on an English railway, the coroner's jury were of opinion "that he would have effected his escape if he had not been affected by a narcotic stupor."

Hoffenstein's Prize Brogan.

Hoffenstein was busily marking the selling price on some clothing which had just arrived, when suddenly stopping in his work he turned to the clerk and said:

"Herman, I had forgot if ve sell all uf dose plack jean pants vat vas damaged. Vas any more uf dem in de sdore yet?"

"Yes, Misder Hoffenstein. I dink dere vas dree bairs left. I hef been drying to sell dem, but de beople say dey don't vant to go around de sdres mit bants on vat makes dem look like a circus brocession. Dere vas yellow spots all ofer de bants, you know.'

"Vell, subbose dey had got spots on dem, vas you goin to let de beople dink dey vas damaged? My gr-r-acious, Herman, de longer you vas in de pisness de more you don't learn nodding. Vy, ven a man comes in de sdore und dells me dot dose bants vas damaged I dells him he vas misdaken; und I asks him if he know a biece uf quadruple, vox finish, needle point, hand dwisted vool from a biece vat vas von ply, cotton stitched und mit a beveled edge. Ven I ask him dot he don't can say nodding. Den I dell him dot de bants vas not damaged, und dot dey vas made uf vot ves called in de old world Spanish vool, de best ardicle made dere. In a gouple of minutes afder I dalk to de gustomer he buys de bants, und I half sell nine bairs in dot vay."

Hoffenstein had scarcely finished speaking when a negro with a bundle in his hand and considerable excited entered the store.

"Vell, my frent, vat can I do for you?" said Hoffenstein, advancing to ward him and smiling pleasantly.

"You can't do anything fur me," plied the negro angrily, "but I wa yer to gib back my money what I paid fur des hyar shoes or I'se gwine to take de matter fore de law. I gib four dollars for dem shoes, an' I nebber wore dem but six days fore de soles drapped off, an' when I 'zamined dem dar warn't a blessed ting dar but paper. I'se been cheated, an' when a man thinks he can come miratin' around me an' I ain't gwine to say nuffin' he's apt to find himself in de nine hole."

"My frent," said Hoffenstein, quietly, "did you find anyding in de soles uf dem shoes?"

"No, sah," replied de negro.

"Vell, dot vas a piece uf hard luck, my frent. De shoes vat you buy vas de Louisiana brize shoe, und ven you dake a pair of dem you vas liable at any moment to find a dwenty dollar gold biece in de soles uf dem. If de soles uf de brize shoes was made of hard ledder, dey vouldn't wear out, and de gonsequence vould be you don't can find de dwenty dollar biece, und dot vas de reason do soles vas made of bapar o dot dey vill vear oud soon, und let de beople know if dey get a brize, you know.

"Is dese hyar shoes de regerler prize shoes?" inquired the negro, greatly interested.

"Vell, my frent, if ye see a man vat come in de oder day und show me a gouple uf dwendy dollar bieces vot he got oud uf dem shoes, you vould say dey vas a gold mine."

"If de shoes is de regerler prize shoes, I'll take 'er nudder pair."

"Certainly, my frent. Herman. wrap de shentleman up a bair uf dose Louisiana brize shoes, and dake dose vot you dink de money vas in."

When the shoes had been paid for and the negro had gone, Hoffenstein said:

"Herman, did you see how I vork off dose old star brogans?"

"Yes, Misder Hoffenstein,"

"Vell, ven efer a gustomer comes in de sdore, recgolleck dot dey vas de Louisiana brize shoe mit a dwenty dollar gold biece in de sole uf dem. I think I vil learn you something about de business yet."

The Rubber Man.

James Whitcomb Riley, of the Indianapolis Journal, tarried a few days at Niagara. "I enjoyed it," he says," "if it was in the winter. There was no one there but myself and the hackman. I went behind the falls, put on a rubber suit and followed my guide, but I didn't stay long. It is impressive and awful beyond description, and that awful morbid impulse, drawing you into the roaring torrent of many waters, is fearful. When I got back and took off my waterproof the man said: 'You weren't gone long.' I told him no, and I would have been back sooner if I could have run faster. I told him about this morbid impulse. He said it was a common thing. Thirteen suicides had been committed there since he had charge of that room. He told me about one man who went behind the falls, came back all right; took off his rubber suit, and instantly rushed out and plunged into the falls, and was never seen again. "And," added Riley, impressively, "when I found how much the rent of that rubber suit was, I knew in a minute what made that man commit suicide."

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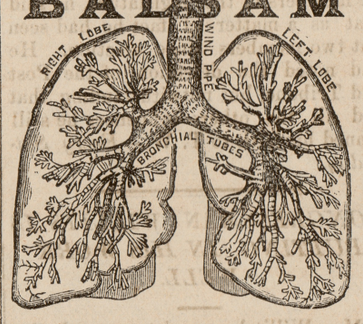

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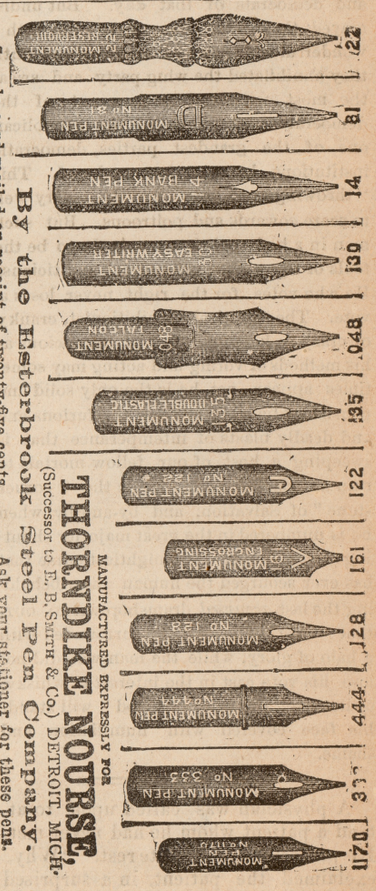

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THE COMMERCIAL.

Good Will to Man—Onward and Upward.

SATURDAY, December 30, 1882.

The farmer element in the party is strongly pronounced for Jonathan J. Woodman for U. S. Senator. If Sen. Ferry comes short of an election Mr. Woodman would be a man of whom the citizens of Michigan and the Republican party would not be ashamed.

Are we to loose our superintendent of public instruction? We quote from general Press Dispatches:

The Hon. Varnum B. Cochran, state superintendent of public instruction, who has been in Washington for several days, was to-day nominated to the office of register of the land office at Marquette, Mich.

What a pretty sight it would be, the legislature wasting its time in dallying over the election of a U. S. Senator. If anything would help to rule the Republican party out of power in the state, this certainly would. The only avowed consideration of the Post and Tribune is the benefit that may acrue to the Republican party. That party best subserves its own interests when it subserves the public well-fare.

The Senate has come to time handsomely passing Sen. Pendleton's civil service bill by 39 to 5, a number pairing off, of whom Sen. Ferry was one. Conger voted for it. The most excitement connected with the final passage was a temperance amendment by Sen. Blair, which was received by a hoarse laugh in the galleries, occupied by the most corrupt in Washington society. It was ridiculed by Sen. Edmunds. But being amended to include any immoral habit was adopted 32 to 16.

The Michigan Christian Herald has an able corps of writers in addition to the time and labor given by Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Trowbridge. It is a large seven column quarto, and realy one of the best religious papers we read, $2.00 per annumn and nice premiums. Published at Detroit 266 Woodward ave. We will add that Mr. Trowbridge is worthy of a great deal of credit in the starting of this paper several years since and nursing it from small beginnings to its present status of prosperity and usefulness.

THROWING AWAY VOTES.

There is a great deal said on the part of selfish politicians about "throwing away votes." A man votes his convictions regardless of its effects on this party or that, each and all claiming that the country is going to destruction unless it gets *his* vote. Still he persists and the howl is set up "you lost your vote." All losing parties have lost their votes. We Republicans lost ours this year by thousands. The Democrats in this state have been losing their votes over a quarter of a century, with the persistance and patience of martyrdom. Garrison and Birney, Gerritt Smith and Joshua Giddings, met the same insane cry. But they kept on losing their votes according to whig testimony until they triumphed. Chas. Sumner, Henry Wilson, John P. Hale, Salmon P. Chase in like manner lost their votes. But as a balance of power they compelled one or the other of the minority parties of the several states to unite with the free soilers and send them to Congress, where in the senate and House they kept on losing their votes alarmingly in the judgement of the whigs and democrats of that day. But undismayed they flung away their votes with a wonderful audacity and recklessness until they annihilated the whig party and sweat the most conscientious men out of the democratic party, forming the republican one of the grandest parties, democratic institutions have so far produced. This "throwing away vote" cry does very well to scare cowards and poltroons. But such men in a body politic are only fit to be the tools of the wicked prfessional politicians. He who votes for the right never loses a vote. The political prohibitionist, cranky or crazy as he sometimes is, injudicious as his methods of voting and acting may sometimes appear, yet he is the only solid and consistant bulwark against the furious and and deadly blasts of intemperance that is sweeping a host of our fellow mortals to ruin and dark dispair. He is the "corner stone" of Salvation, and by-and-by when he is numbered in the great majority shouting victory over the mightiest curse that has ever scourged the human race, beholding the last *accursed* dramshop WIPED OUT, that "lost vote" will be surrounded with a halo of glory, while the man who did not lose his vote cast in the interest of whisky, of license "the price of blood" will stand, his face covered with humiliation and shame.

A physician was called upon to attend a patient whom he had never met. He prescribed "absolute rest." "Why,' exclaimed the patient, in a surprised tone of voice. "I am a country editor." The physician then fled.

Capt. E. P. Allen of Ypsilanti was in town Thursday, and when asked how he was feeling he remarked "Ferry well." On being questioned about the situation he said that the use of money was never before so great as in this present campaign. If Ferry is defeated it will be because he is lied out of office as Gov. Jerome was. Mr. Joy he thought had no chance of being elected, because the grangers would not hear of him. In fact the farmers of the state are working hard for Woodman, who is a fair man but not a great one. Ferry is the second choice of the grangers. Mr. Willits, he thought, had best stick to the normal school appointment instead of running up lightning rods, although personally he was very friendly to Willits, and loved him not less but Ferry more. On being questioned as to the charge of the Saginaw Herald that he had been running about the state trying to fix members of the legislature, he said that as a matter of fact he had seen but two members since election. He had noted the defection of the Post and Tribune, but notwithstanding that and all the others influences he still pinned his faith to T. W.—*Every Saturday.*

CONGRESSMAN WILLITS IS PUTTING IN HIS WORK WELL.

Mr. Willits' committee, on the investigation of charges made against the clerk of the supreme court for collecting excessive fees, unearthed some startling facts. It seems from what has been learned by the committee that the charges of excessive fees being received were absolutely true. The clerk of the court was asked to make a written statement in regard to the matter, which he did; and it appears by his own statement that his salary and fees amount to more than $20,000 per year. Besides, there is a certain amount laid aside for incidental expenses which eventually finds its way into the coffers of the clerk. The committee, after its investigation closes, probably will authorize Mr. Willits to report a bill abolishing the fee system and fixing a salary at a stated sum, which will be decided on at a future meeting of the committee.

Mr. Willits committee also will take up, as soon as possible, the question of fees received by United States marshals. Mr. Willits will spend considerable time during the holidays in the comptroller's office of the treasury department, looking into the accounts of United States marshals, so as to be enabled to insure an intelligent investigation of the subject when the committee meets. An effort will be made to pass remedial legislation on these subjects at this session.—*N. Y. Tribune.*

OFFICERS OF OUR CITY LODGES FOR 1883.

The following officers of Phœnix Lodge No. 13, F. and A. M., were installed Fri day evening:

W. M.—Howard Stephenson.
S. W.—P. W. Carpenter.
Treasurer—G. F. Schaffer.
Secretary—C. Parker.
S. D.—A. H. S Curtis.
J. D.—Mark Vaul.
Stewards—J. W. Martin, J. A. Wilson.
Tyler—G. W. Kishlar.

The officers-elect furnished a pleasant supper to the members, and on the whole the affair was very enjoyable.

Ypsilanti Lodge No. 128.

W. M.—Geo. Yeager.
S. W.—F. J. Swaine.
J. W.—Geo. Alban.
Treasurer—Geo. Fuller.
Secretary—C. D. Willcoxson.
S. D.—A. R. Kopp.
J. D.—T. S. Whitford.
Stewards—C. Newhall, A. McNicol.
Tyler—W. Court.

The faithful secretary Br. Wilcoxson has served time out of memory.

The following officers of Huron Lodge No. 214, K. of H., will be installed Wednesday evening, January 3:

D.—J. N. Howland.
V. D.—T. C. Judd.
A. D.—C. Fletcher.
R.—A. S. Mallery.
F. R.—L. D. Showerman.
T.—J. H. Sampson.
Guide—W. D. Thompscn.
C.—F. J. Swaine.
Guardian—J. F. Sanders.
Sentinel—George Fuller.
Trustees—A. J. Leetch, Clark Cornwell, C. McCormick.

Excelsior Chapter No. 25, R. A. M., has installed the following officers:

M. E. H. P.—P. W. Carpenter.
King—Howard Stephenson.
Scribe—Geo. N. Flower.
C. H.—H. F. Burbank.
P. S.—A. H S. Curtis.
R. A. C.—C. C. Vroman.
G. M. 3d V.—Geo. Allen,
G. M. 2d V.—J. C. Bemis.
G. M. 1st V.—Dr. F. M. Oakley.
Treas.—H. R. Scoville.
Sec.—C. H. Parker.
G.—George Kishlar.

NEW YEAR'S CALLS.

SOME SUGGESTIONS BOTH TO OUR LADY AND GENTLEMAN READERS.

1. Ladies should never hang out baskets except in cases of recent death or sickness in the family. Many gentlemen are able to make calls only on New Year's day, and it is an unkindness to repulse them without good cause.

2. Many persons no doubt close their doors because unable to afford refreshments. Ladies should never let this consideration for a moment prevail. Gentlemen do not call simply to get something to eat, and far too many people spread tables as it is.

3. Gentlemen should remember that the ladies on New Year's day are giving up their whole time to receiving calls, and that all calls from friends are acceptable. Indeed, the greater the number of calls reeeived the better in general are the recipients pleased.

Often the pleasantest calls are made at houses that the caller had thought of passing over.

5. Calls may be made as early as 9 o'clock but should not be continued later than 10 p, m. Cards may be left where the ladies are unprepared to receive.

6. Gentlemen are permitted to take friends with them, but New Year's introductions give no subsequent privileges unless followed by special invitation.

7. First calls or long neglected ones may appropriately be made on New Year's day.

8. It is becoming the fashion to leave cards at all places where calls are made.

9. The clergy and men in public station usually receive calls, and are entitled to this mark of respect from all with whom they are in any degree professionally brought in contact.

10. Don't under any circumstances call upon people you do not respect and esteen. The call is a mark of esteem and a desire to perpetuate the acquaintance, and ought not to be abused. Prepare a list of your friends in advance, and limit it to those you wish to cultivate.

11. Etiquette does not demand that wines should be offered, or if offered accepted by callers. Coffee is the standard beverage of the day.

ADVICE TO CONSUMPTIVES.

On the appearance of the first symptoms—as general debility, loss of appettte, pallor, chilly sensations followed by night sweats and cough, prompt measures of relief should be taken. Consumption is scrofulous disease of the lungs; therefore use the great anti-scrofulous or blood-purifier and strength-restorer, Dr. Pierce's "Golden Medical Discovery." Superior to Cod liver oil as a nutritive, and unsurpassed as a pectoral. For weak lungs, spitting blood, and kindred affections it has no equal. Sold by druggists. For Dr. Pierce's treatize on consumption send two stamps to the World's Dispensary Medical Association, Buffalo, N. Y.

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If a man is hungry within an hour more or less after a meal he is a dyspeptic, it shows his stomach is not able to dispose of what he has eaten, but to eat again, and and thus impose more work, is absurdity. Take Dr. Jones' Red Clover Tonic which cures dyspepsia, and all stomach, liver, kidney and bladder troubles It is a perfect tonic, appetizer, blood purifier, a sure cure for ague and malaria diseases. Price 50 cents, of Frank Smith. 3

A GOOD ARMY STORY.

In 1863, the 18th and 22d regiments of Michigan infantry were stationed at Lebanon, Ky., under command, with other regiments, of Major General M. D. Mansen, of Indiana, a bitter democrat. It had been rumored that both of the regiments mentioned above, had done a good deal of business in the way of aiding and abetting "contrabands" in absenting themselves from their masters. The Kentucky slave owners, just then, had a spasm of loyalty, and Gen. Mansen decided to take and restore to them any human chattels of theirs that he could find in his command. The 18th and the 22d were the two regiments which were suspected of having sinned the most in this direction, and from the known spirit of the men, the general commanding feared trouble, and took the precaution of having other regiments and a battery of artillery in position to quell any symptoms os mutiny. The Michigan boys, however, had received assurances from the officers and men of the other regiments that they need have no fears of what they would do in an emergeucy, but without knowing this, Gen. Mansen began the search, which he determined should be exceeedingly through, Col. Dean, of Ann Arbor, was in command of the 22d regiment. He had a lot of sick men in a rail way car, covered with blankets, and when the search for "contrabands" began, Gen. Mansen strode into this car to personally assist in the search. He was followed closely, but did not know it, by Col. Dean. The general saw a lot of reclining figures covered with blankets, and thought, probably, here was where the artful Michiganders had concealed their dusky *proteges.* In the dim light in the car he could not tell white from black, and proceeded to pull down a blanket, the better to ascertain the fact. He had grasped his first blanket, when he was saluted by a vigorous kick in the rear, and heard the voice of Col. Dean roaring: "You scoundrel, steal blankets from sick men would you?" Then the kicks came faster and more furious, and the vociferation more angry. Gen. Mansen was kicked the length of the car, and out the rear door, when the colonel, as his commanding officer emerged into the better light on the platform, saw the *mistake* he had made. "My goodness, general, who would have thought it was you. I declare. Well, general, if you will say nothing about it, I won't."

And Gen. Mansen never told the story, and the search revealed no darkeys.—*Adrian Times.*

NEW RICH BLOOD.

This is what you need, and Loose's Extract of Red Clover Blossoms will do for you what nothing else will. Try it and be convinced. It is the best blood purifier known in the world, and a trial is all that is necessary. For sale by all druggists.

Men steal themselves rich, and with their ill-gotten gains corrupt legislatures and juries, and thus escape the punishment they deserve. We therefore take courage when the government makes a show of earnestness in the prosecuting of evil doers, and we mean to think the government entirely honest in such things, until we are presented with evidence to the contrary.

Judge Woodruff of Trenton, New Jersey, sends law-breakers, with depraved appetites, to "the only place where prohibition prevails," viz—the State prison. Recently in sentencing a young man convicted of theft, he said.

"It is in evidence that when you are sober you are a peaceable, law-abiding citizen; you have repeatedly tried to overcome that appetite for strong drink which is your greatest enemy. The sentence of the court is that you be confined in the State Prison at Trenton for two years. In fixing the term, we have been guided by the belief that, in that time, under the prohibition of prison discipline, you can master your appetite and come out a reformed man."

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I could scarcely speak; it was almost impossible to breathe through my nostrils. Using Ely's Cream Balm a short time I was entirely relieved. My head has not been so clear nor voice so strong in years. I recommend this admirable remedy to all afflicted with Catarrh or Colds in the Head. J. O. TICHENOR, Dealer in Boots and Shoes, Elizabeth, N. J. 979-2w.

Good Advice.

You will prevent and cure the greater part of the ills that afflict mankind in this or any section, if you keep your stomach, liver and kidneys in perfect working order. There is no medicine known that does this as surely as Parker's Ginger Tonic. It will keep your blood rich and pure, and give you good health at little cost. See other column. dec

Snatched from the Grave.

Mrs. Helen Parvis, No. 331, Dayton St., Chicago, Ill., is now in her sixty-eighth year, and states that she has suffered from consumption about ten years, was treated by nine physicians, all of them pronouncing her case hopeless. She had given up all hopes ef ever recovering. Seven bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption completely cured her. Doubting ones, please drop her a postal and satisfy yourselves. Trial bottles free at FRANK SMITH'S. Large size, $1,00. 6 963-1y

For Cholera, Cholera Morbus, Diarrhoea, Dysentery, Cramps and Pains in the Stomach, there is nothing equals Beebe's King of Pain. Price only 25 cents. Sold by all druggists. 930 1-year

Scalds and Burns.

It is no time to run for a remedy when an accident of this occurs. An immediate application of Dunk's Camphorated Arnica will arrest its progress, and prevent any soreness or pain in even those of an extensive nature. Therefore keep it on hand. It will also cure you of Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Chilblains, Frost Bites, Sore Throat, and it is the best article for anything where a liniment is required. Sold by all druggists. Fifty cents per bottle.

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It has specific action on this most important organ, enabling it to throw off torpidity and inaction, stimulating the healthy secretion of the Bile, and by keeping the bowels in free condition, effecting its regular discharge.

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Special Notice Column.

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—OR—

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Pay your Taxes before **Jan. 1st, 1883** and save money. I am now ready to receive the Taxes for the City of Ypsilanti, at Hemphill & Batchelder's Bank. For the benefit of those who cannot call during the day, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday Evenings of each week will be assigned for this purpose

D. C. BATCHELDER, City Treasurer.

Ypsilanti, December 5th, 1882.

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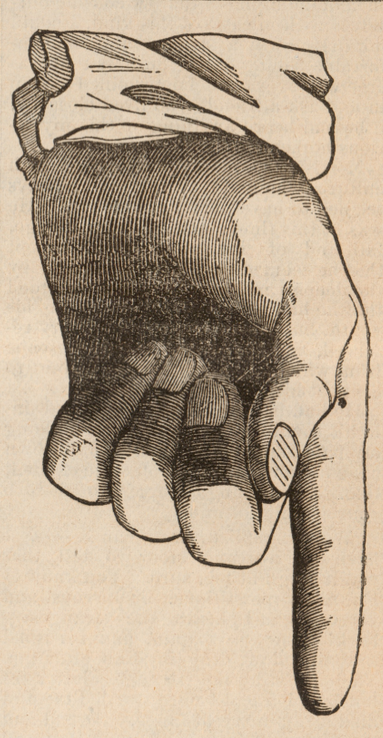
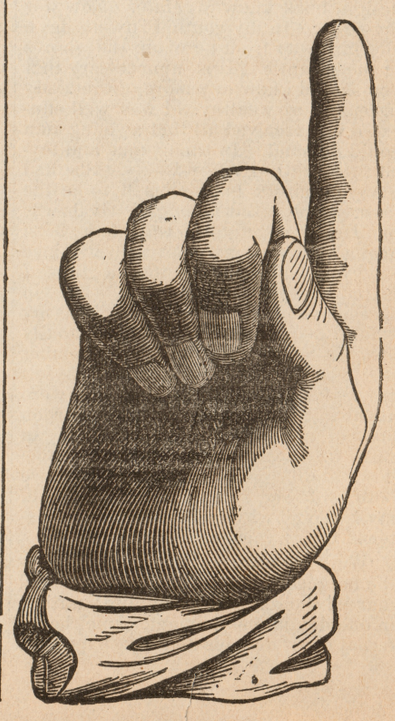
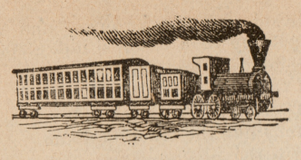


Does your neighbor take the Commercial? A good New Year's present.





TRAVELLERS' GUIDE.

MICHIGAN CENTRAL RAILROAD.

TIME TABLE, MARCH 26, 1882.

GOING WEST.

STATIONS.	* Mail.	*Day Express	*Jackson Express	*Gr. Rap. Express	Express except Saturday.	‡Pacific Express
	A.M.	A.M.	P M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Detroit---Lv	7 00	9 35	5 55	4 05	8 00	9 50
Wayne Junc	7 55	10 24	6 42	4 46	8 45	10 40
Ypsilanti ---	8 23	10 48	7 05	5 05	9 08	11 02
Ann Arbor--	8 45	11 00	7 24	5 22	9 25	11 17
Chelsea ----	9 25	-----	8 05	5 52	10 00	----
JacksonJunc	10 10	P.M.	8 55			A.M.
Jackson ----	10 20	12 15	9 00	6 55	11 05	12 45
	P.M.				A.M.	
Chicago--Ar.	6 50	7 40		----	7 30	8 00

GOING EAST.

STATIONS.	* Mail.	* Day Express	Jackson Accomo.	*Gr. R. & D. Exp'ss	‡Atlantic Express	Night Express except Sat.
	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A. M.	P.M	P.M.
Chicago--Lv	6 45	9 00	----	----	5 15	9 10
	P.M.	P.M.	A.M.		A.M.	A.M.
Jackson-----	3 05	4 05	7 05	9 30	12 40	5 00
Chelsea-----	3 58	-----	7 50	10 07	----	5 50
Ann Arbor--	4 37	5 07	8 25	10 34	2 04	6 25
Ypsilanti----	4 55	5 23	8 43	10 48	2 20	6 41
Wayne Junc	5 20	5 45	9 08	11 08	2 44	7 05
Detroit ---Ar	6 15	6 30	10 00	11 50	3 35	8 00

New York Express, leaves Chicago, 3-30 p.m.; Jackson 9-28; Ypsilanti, 10-41; Detroit, 11-40.

The Chicago Express leaves Detroit at 4-00 a. m, reaches Ypsilanti at 5-05, Ann Arbor 5-19. Jackson 7-02 and Chicago 2-50 p. m.

*Sunday excepted. ‡Saturday and Sunday excepted. †Daily.

O. G. RUGGLES, *G. P. & T. A., Chicago*

H. B. LEDYARD, *Gen. Manager, Detroit.*

LAKE SHORE AND MICHIGAN SOUTHERN RAILROAD—YPSILANTI BRANCH

FROM YPSILANTI.				TO YPSILANTI		
	Way Ft.	Ex & Mail.	STATIONS.	Ex & Mail.	Way Ft.	
	A.M.	A.M.	Leave. Arrive.	P.M.	P. M.	
	7 00	9 15	----Ypsilanti ---	5 55	5 15	
	7 25	9 34	----Pittsfield ---	5 39	4 40	
	7 55	9 45	----- Saline-----	5 29	4 10	
	10 23	10 23	-- Manchester --	4 55	2 50	
P.M.	3 15	12 05	--- Hillsdale----	3 25	8 30	A.M.
	-----	8 00	Ar Chicago Dp	7 55	A.M.	
	-----	5 35	Ar Toledo Dp	10 50	-----	
	-----	10 10	Ar Cleveland Dp	7 00	-----	
A.M.	-----	3 55	Ar Buffalo Dp	12 45	-----	

Trains run by Columbus time.

Way Freight from Ypsilanti will run Mondays Wednesdays and Fridays.

Way Freight to Ypsilanti will run Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

All other trains run daily except Sunday.

COUNTY NEWS.

EATON'S MILL.

Lyceum every Tuesday evening.

Our school is progressing nicely under the management of Mr. James Marr.

The Ladies Aid Society will hold their next social Saturday Eve., Jan. 6th.

Rev. Mr. Parrott will preach at this place every alternate Sabbath. His next appointment is Sunday Jan. 7th, at 2.30. Come one and all and hear him. Mr. Parrott is a very smart speaker, if you think differently now, come and hear him once and you will agree with me.

The Sabbath School has again revived. The number in attendance last Sabbath was eighty-three; still threre are many more outside. If some of them were invited in and taught a few of the principles that govern a high order of things it might not injure their morals.

From the Courier.

It has been a very anxious week for all the friends of Dr. Cocker. Sunday and Monday he became effected in both lungs, and even the doctors had almost given up all hope. But his strong vitality withstood the disease and he has since been bravely battling with it. From the fact that he has passed the crisis, he himself now has hope, and the answers to the numerous telephone and telegraph dispatches which are coming in from all directions, are now of a more cheerful tone. There has been the utmost anxiety on the part of all classes, that his noble life may be spared.

From The Reaister.

G. N. Carman, principal of the schools at Union City, is spending vacation at home in this city.

William Clark, of Superior, died of dropsy last Monday morning. He was nearly 82 years old and was long a resident that township, having lived there thirteen years.

About two o'clock Chrismas morning burglars entered the office of the City Mills and blew open the safe. They drilled a hole through the top of the safe and poured in powder, which they ignited by means of a fuse. The quantity of powder must have been very large as the door was torn completely off and thrown violently against the wall, while the concussion shook out the window sashes and sprang a partition of the office. Fortunately there was no money in the safe, and a twenty-five cent piece lying in the drawer of a desk was all the thieves got for their trouble. There were valuable papers in the safe, which, however, were left untouched and were but slightly injured by the explosion. No clue to the thieves has been discovered, though there are indications that the work was done by some one acquainted with the surroundings of the mill.

From the Argus

DEATH OF JAMES B. GOTT.

About two weeks ago Mr. James B. Gott, who has not been in good health for many months, swept the snow from the lengthy sidewalk in front of his corner lot on Division and Jefferson streets. After he had completed this, to a well person, ordinary task, he was overtaken with a fainting spell. In the performance of this labor he took cold, and one disease after another setting in, he died on Saturday afternoon of Bright's disease complicated with heart disease and pneumonia.

Very few men are better known or commanded more respect from his acquaintances—and they were by no means limited to Washtenaw county—than the deceased. He came to Michigan with his parents in 1829, from Erie Co., N. Y., and settled in this township. The county was sparsely settled and a number of days were required to remove his father's goods from Detroit. Mr. Gott grew up with the county, became familiar with its inhabitants and, early took rank with leading and influential citizens. He studied law in the office of Hawkins & Lawrence from 1837 to 1842, being admitted to the bar in the latter year. From 1848 to 1853 he was a member of the firm of Sedgwick, Gott & Walker, and later, a partner of Judge Lawrence.

Mr. Gott has served the city in which he so long resided and in the prosperity of which he was deeply interested, in many capacities. For a long time he was a member of the council and was regarded as a painstaking and intelligent official. For six years he was a member of the school board and its secretary. At the organization of the Unitarian society fifteen years ago, he was elected a trustee, and since maintained that relation. In later years he has essentially retired from active business, but, in building the railroad from Toledo and completion northward, he gave largely of his time and purse. To no other citizen is greater credit due for the inauguration and completion of this enterprise which has contributed so much of prosperity to Ann Arbor, than James B. Gott. He was noted for his geniality, a willingness to assist if need be worthy and deserving objects with money and good counsel. In his death the whole community sympathize with the bereaved family consisting of a widow, a son and two daughters, one of the latter being on a visit in N. Y. city at the time of her fathers illness and death.

Mr. Gott was 64 years of age in August last. He was buried from his late residence on Wednesday afternoon.

REAL ESTATE SALES.

Geo. E. Whitmore to Frederick Krumery, 42 acres, sec. 25, Pittsfield, $1,550.

O. M. Kelsey to Gaylord Harris, 40 acres sec. 10, York, $600.

Elizabeth H. Druse to Wm. H. Druse, 140 acres, sec. 22, York, $3,500.

Mr. Mathias Straight to Asa W. Straight Ypsilanti city lot $100.

SALINE.—Since the resignation of Rev. H. N. Gallup in September last this church has been supplied most of the time by Prof. Vroman of the State Normal school, Ypsilanti. The church enjoy his preaching much. Last Sunday, the pastor at Ypsilanti exchanged with Prof. Vroman and attended the covenant meeting of the church on Saturday, and preached Saturday night and Sunday morning, administering the Lord's Supper. The church is very anxious to settle a pastor at once. They are not strong, but there are good brethren here, who will most heartily cooperate with a faithful pastor. They have a comfortable parsonage. They have recently re-painted the church building on the outside and reshingled the parsonage, and the ladies are raising money to repair the inside of the church building. They can raise for salary, $500, besides the parsonage. Saline is a pleasant village—with good society, and the right man would find a desirable field of labor there. The Sunday school unites with the Presbyterian Sunday school in a Christmas tree, next Saturday night.—*Michigan Christian Herald.*

The following letter from a little girl six years old to another one seven years old will interest the children.

FORT YATES, D. T., Oct. 19th.

DEAR FLORA.—I ought to have written you a long time ago, I hoped to have seen you on my way to the depot, I wanted to have called on you before I went away, but I did not have time. Tell Fanny Watling I send her my love. I have got a nice little play mate that lives next door neighbor, her name is Melda McLaughlin. I expect it will be quite cool here soon we have had beautiful weather since I came. I wish you was here. The flowers are all dried up now. The Indians come here to get their rations once in two weeks, our yard, and as far as you can see, is packed full. Our house has five big rooms in it. I think it is nice here. Mr. McLaughlin lives in a brickhouse. We will have lots of fun this winter sliding down hill, there is a hill each side of us. The west hill is a very steep hill, and it is called Standing Rock, we will slide down hill on that in the winter. We had muskmellon for dinner. Write and tell me how you like your teacher, and who she is. What do you do now days? We take your papa's paper so we get all the Ypsilanti news. Do you often go over to Mrs. Drury's, and does it look as it did when I was there, and how is Lee Drury. Tell Fanny I will write her soon. Tell Nellie I send her a kiss. I wish I could see you all. How is your mama, and Mrs. Watling? My birthday will be in November, I will then be seven years old. I am going to have a party, will you come? I like Fort Yates very well but we have no schools here, or Sunday school. But I have a school one hour in the forenoon, and one in the afternoon, mama is my teacher, we live on the Missouri river, and the boats pass quite near our house and the landing is in sight, I go down to the boats often. Papa has two stores, we have seven men in the store, and Willie is one of them, we have such funny things in the store to sell to the Indians, you would laugh to see the calico they sell to them. Flora I wish you would write to me soon. Tell Fanny to write me soon. Love to all, remember your friend Mabel. I will write more next time. Good-bye from your friend,

MABEL MARTIN.

Mabel sent Flora some nice Christmas presents, specimens of pictured handkerchiefs, etc., which the Indians purchase.

"SIGH NO MORE, LADIES!"

for Dr. Pierce's "Favorite Prescription" is a prompt and certain remedy for the painful disorders peculiar to your sex. By all druggists.

"WOMAN AND HER DISEASES"

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Exclusively dwelling upon ourselves, on our own virtues and failings and experiences, weakens our power of sympathy with others, while it increases our acuteness of sensibility as regards self.

A First-Class Article.

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Miss Yates, who has set herself at work to reform the food of the English laborers, warns them against high living by showing that dogs fed on white bread died at the end of forty days, while those fed on bread from unbolted flour laughed and grew fat.

A sagacious Democrat writes to the Utica Herald that "to talk of Grover Cleveland or Ben Butler for the presidency is alike disgraceful, whether we consider how little we know of one or how much we know of the other."

ON THIRTY DAYS' TRIAL,

THE VOLTAIC BELT CO., Marshall Mich., will send Dr. Dye's Celebrated Electro-Voltaic Belts and Electric Appliances on trial for thirty days to men (young or old) who are afflicted with nervous debility, lost vitality and kindred troubles, guaranteeing speedy and complete restoration of health and manly vigor. Address as above.—N. B.—No risk is incurred, as thirty days' trial is allowed. 979-1yr

An excited old maid in a temperance lodge, a few evenings since, read an original poem entitled, "The Lips That Touch Liquor Shall Never Touch Mine," and the young men present gave her three cheers, but no kisses.

DON'T DIE IN THE HOUSE.

Ask druggist for "Rough on Rats." It clears out rats, mice, bed-bugs, roaches, vermin, flies, ants insects. 15c. per box. 931-1y-alt.

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The safest and surest way to restore the youthful color of the hair is furnished by Parker's Hair Balsam, which is deservedly popular from its superior cleanliness. dec.

How She Saved Her Darling.

"I shall not feel so nervous again about baby' teething" writes a grateful mother. "We almost lost our darling from cholera infantum, but hapily heard of Parker's Ginger Tonic in time. A few spoonfuls soon cured baby, and an occasional dose keeps us in good health."—Brooklyn Mother. dec.

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The Best Salve in the world for cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tette, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles. It is guaranteed to give perfect Satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 Cents per Box. For Sale by Frank Smith. 963-1y

Worthy of Praise.

As a rule we do not recommend Patent Medicines, but when we know of one that really is a public benefactor, and does positively cure, then we consider it our duty to impart that information to all. Electric Bitters are truly a most valuable medicine, and will surely cure Biliousness, Fever and Ague, Stomach, Liver and Kidney Complaints, even where all other remedies fail. We know whereof we speak, and can freely recommend them to all.—*Exch.* Sold at fifty cents a bottle, by Frank Smith. 1y-963 6

The use of Ely's Cream Balm, a sure cure for Catarrh, Hay Fever and Cold in Head, is attended attended with no pain, inconvenience or dread, which can be said of no other remedy. Price 50 cents. **Apply into nostrils with little finger.** 979-2-w.

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The best on earth can truly be said of Giggs' Glycirine Salve, which is a sure cure for cuts, bruises, scalds, burns, wounds, and all other sores. Will positively cure piles, tetter and all skin eruptions. Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded. Only 25c. For sale by Frank Smith. 948-1-year

To all who are afflicted with Catarrh, Hay Fever, Cold in the Head, &c., I can recommend Ely's Cream Balm. I have never found anything that gave such satisfaction. I. AMBERG, Druggists, Battle Creek, Mich. 979-2w

It is sometimes predicted that when the national debt is paid, our present banking system will be continued with railroad bonds as a basis. James Wilson, of Iowa, expressed that belief in his address at the State fair at Des Moines. The idea opens up a wide field for conjecture and inquiry. If these bonds are ever to be used for such a purpose, there must in the first place be an entire change in the management of railroad securities, which at present would make about as good a basis for a banking institution as the south wind would. It would be fun for Gould to have the banking of the country placed upon the bonds of his Wabash system. When it suited him, he could rip out such a foundation as easily as a boy could blow a soap bubble. It would be a great deal safer to bank upon next year's potato crop than upon such a basis.—*Western Rural.*

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STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF WASHTENAW, ss.

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Dated December 18th, 1882.

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PROBATE ORDER.

Estate of Benjamin Thompson.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF WASHTENAW, ss.

At a session of the Probate Court for the County of Washtenaw, holden at the Probate office in the City of Ann Arbor, on Tuesday, the twelth day of December in the year one thousand, eight hunderd and eighty-two.

Present William D. Harriman, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Benjamin Thompson deceased.

On reading and filing the petition, duly verified, of Oliver E. Thompson, praying that a certain instrument now on file in this court purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased, may be admitted to probate, and that he may be appointed executor thereof.

Thereupon it is Ordered, That Monday, the Eighth day of January next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the hearing of said petition, and that the devisees, legatees, and heirs at law of said deceased, and all other persons interested in said estate, are required to appear at a session of said court, then to be holden at the Probate Office in the city of Ann Arbor, in said county, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted.

And it is further ordered that said petitioner give notice to the persons interested in said estate, of the pendency of said petition, and the hearing thereof, by causing a copy of this order to be published in the YPSILANTI COMMERCIAL, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county, three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing.

WILLIAM D. HARRIMAN, Judge of Probate.

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OLD PAPERS.

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MICHIGAN NEWS.

Reports from the pineries show that logging operations are being pushed with unusual vigor, and in most instances under favorable circumstances.

A writer at Old Mason figures up the value of fruit sold from the Grand Traverse peninsula this year at over $34,000.

The government has been selling off some very valuable pine land in the Duluth lumber region, and very heavy purchases have been made by Michigan lumbermen.

A farmer of Frankenmuth, named Martin Lasell, was struck by a Flint & Pere Marquette railway train and instantly killed. He was about 21 years old.

A young lad named Cowan was killed by a falling tree in Wright township, Hillsdale county, recently.

Three men managing a snow plow on the narrow guage railroad, near Paw Paw, were seriously hurt a few days ago.

At a double wedding held in Coldwater both bridegrooms were Methodist ministers. They were Rev. S. M. Merritt of Coldwater, who was married to Mrs. E. L. McCrea, and Rev. Robert Phillips, of Cazenovia, to Miss Mary McCrea. The brides were mother and daughter.

It is proposed to establish a post of the grand army of the republic at Port Huron.

During the month of November 3,842 immigrants entered the United States at Port Huron.

Mrs. Hattie Ahlstrom, wife of Capt. Ahlstrom, of the schooner Queen City, died at Cheboygan of inflammatory rheumatism.

Joe Tucker, a well known young mechanic at Fort Gratiot, has invented a guard calculated to prevent the accidents so frequently occurring at railway switch "frogs." It is patented as Gray's railway guard, by Tucker and his brother-in-law, S. J. Gray, of Fort Gratiot. It has been tested thoroughly and is believed to be a good thing, and one that has money in it for those who secure its control.

An article in the Northwestern Mining News shows that during the past year five Michigan mining companies have paid their stockholders $340,000 more than the actual paid-up capital of the companies. They are the Atlantic, Calumet & Hecla, Central, Osceola and Quincy. Since they were opened these mines have paid nearly 11 times the amount of their paid-up capital, and have paid one-fifth of the dividends paid by all mining companies in the United States during the year.

There are now 410 paupers in the county house at Wayne, Wayne county, and over 200 in the asylum. Though many of these are children, they have so far escaped a visitation of either scarlet fever or diphtheria.

James Manion and James Malloy have been convicted of highway robbery at Kalamazoo. Just as the verdict was rendered Manion went into the judge's room in the court house and leaped from a window. He was followed, brought back, and the judge clenched the verdict by a ten years sentence. Malloy will be sentenced later.

A company has been formed at Jackson to manufacture the Desmond boiler injector invented by John Desmond of that place.

A man named Cadoo, living in Dover, Lenawee county, is now over 100 years old. He is very ill and will probably soon die.

Isaac Van Auken, the Lenawee county convict who tried to cremate himself in his cell at the Jackson prison, has since died of his burns. He was convicted in July, 1866, for the murder of his wife and son, and was in for life with no hope of a pardon.

Last August the superintendent of schools at East Saginaw took a vote of the parents of pupils in the high school on a proposition to change the school hours to only one session per day, viz., from 8:45 to 2 p. m. There were 163 affirmative votes to 7 negative, and the plan was tried. Now the superintendent reports better daily attendance, and consequently fewer withdrawals from school, less sickness, closer application to study, better lessons and fewer cases of discipline.

A 10-years-old son of Geo. Garfield, while coasting at Saranac, ran into the fence, breaking his jaw and cutting a hole in the side of his face.

James Gardner, of Clyde, died of heart disease in a camp 50 miles from Roscommon. The body was taken home and buried by his friends.

Alexander Sinclair, former city engineer, Port Huron, and more recently living on a farm at Deckerville, went to the Pontiac asylum a month ago for treatment. He returned to Port Huron one morning, stopped at the Commercial house, and left the house at 3 a. m. the next morning. Search was made for him but stet not yet been found.

Horace Alderman, aged 11 years, has been arrested on a charge of setting fire to the Hudson West union school building,

Every foot of the Chicago & Grand Trunk railway line between Port Huron and Chicago is now laid with steel rails.

McGee & Jay's test oil well on the Simpson farm, near Port Huron, is being drilled rapidly and the rock will soon be reached. An immense amount of gas flows from the well, and the driller says the indications for oil are exceedingly favorable.

Burglars around Dundee, and three suspects have been arrested. They give their names as Wm. Edwards, John McArthur and Frank Williams, and claim to hail from Detroit. There appears to be a strong case against them.

Geo. W. Pearsons, a freight brakeman on the Chicago & Grand Trunk railway, fell from his train at Bancroft, and had his skull fractured and an arm broken. He is a married man and his home is at Port Huron. His parents live at Jackson.

Alexander Sinclair, ex-city engineer, who disappeared from the Commercial hotel in Port Huron, Friday night is still missing. It is now supposed he has been drowned in the river.

Two boys recently found the dead body of a man in a piece of woods owned by Mr. Dibble in Howard, Cass county. Appearances indicated that he had been dead two or three weeks. At latest advices the body had not been fully identified, but it was supposed to be that of an insane tramp.

Dennis Root, an old resident of Boston township, Ionia county, died very suddenly a few days ago. He was a well known and respected farmer.

The Coldwater Courier sets forth that there has been $176,200 worth of new building done in that city this year.

The fourth annual exhibition of the Marshall poultry and pet stock association will be held at Marshall, January 11, 12, 13.

Utilizing Smoke.

At Elk Rapids, Mich,, is a blast-furnace, in which are manufactured 50 tons of charcoal iron per day. There are 25 charcoal pits, constructed of brick. Each pit is filled with 100 cords of hard wood, and then fired. The vast amount of smoke from these pits, which was formerly lost in the air, has now been utilized by Dr. Price, a chemist. Chemical works have been erected, which are thus described: First, they have a circular tube, made of wood, with pine staves 16 feet in length, bound together with heavy iron hoops. This tube is placed directly over the pits, in a horizontal position, with an opening from each pit into the tube. At the end nearest the building there is a large drum containing a rotary fan propelled by machinery, the power of which is gas. That acts as a suction or draft for the smoke, which is conveyed into five stills filled with copper wire two and a half inches in diameter. The boxes in which the pipes are situated are 20 inches square, eight feet deep, of heavy pine, and filled with cold water. These are all connected with main still 100 feet in length, 10 feet wide, eight feet deep, filled with copper pipes two and a half inches in diameter, in a horizontal position, surrounded with cold water, from this conveyed to a purifier, from which runs what is called pyroligneous acid, which is clear as amber, with an unpleasant odor. From the acid is produced—first, acetate of potash; second, alcohol; third, tar; the fourth part produces gas, which is consumed under the boilers. Each cord of wood contains 28,000 cubic feet of smoke—2,800,000 feet of smoke handled every 24 hours, producing 12,000 pounds acetate of lime, 200 gallons alcohol, and 25 pounds tar. These articles have a commercial value in the manufacture of various articles. The alcohol has been contracted to a firm in Buffalo, N. Y., for five years, they furnishing the packages and receiving it at the works at 80 cents per gallon. The smoke from 40,000 cords of wood consumed per annum is thus made a source of much profit, as the trains are nearly automatic.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

WASHINGTON.

PREPARING TO CONTEST.

Acklen of Louisiana, is busy arranging plans to contest the seat of Kellogg, and feels sure of success.

DICKSON'S TESTIMONY.

While on the witness stand under oath Mr. Dickson swore that he had never been paid a dime or a dollar to influence his vote on the star route jury.

ROBINSON'S VIEWS.

In the discussion of the army appropriation bill before the House, Mr. Robinson, a republican representative from Mass., in commenting on the suggestion that if the government choose it could compel transportation of its mails for nothing, said: "There was somewhere in every man an impulse that told him that in dealing with other people he wanted to deal squarely. Somehow every man wanted to feel up to the dignity of living up to a bargain, and he (Robinson) knew it would be the temper and discretion of the House to put its foot on any power of readjustment which should amount to repudiation. This was a great government, but it would be weak beyond description when it ceased to do the right and just thing."

CONGRESS.

SENATE.—Dec. 19.—The Indian appropriation bill was resumed....Mr. Beck offered an amendment to the Indian bill, directing the removal of the Crow Agency to some point east of Big Horn River, in the vicinity of Fort Custer. Agreed to....The bill finally passed....The bill reported yesterday by Senator Sherman extending the time for the withdrawal of distilled spirits from bonded warehouses was next considered....Mr. Conger thought the tendency of the bill would be to encourage over-production of whisky. It was a measure in the interest of whisky men, and at the end of this extension another would be asked....Mr. Ingalls' amendment adding a provision that from and after the expiration of three years from the entry of any distilled spirits now in warehouses 5 per cent. interest shall be collected upon such spirits, to be computed down to the time of withdrawal, was adopted....Mr. Windom then offered another amendment limiting to one year he time for the withdrawal of spirits on and after July 1, 1883....Messrs. Conger, Hale, Edmunds and Ingalls favored this amendment, and Messrs. Beck, Logan, Sherman and Williams opposed it....The amendment was lost—Yeas 24, nays 27. It was then decided to take up the civil service bill, but the Senate adjourned before any progress was made.

HOUSE.—A number of bills were introduced and referred, among them one limiting the number of liquor saloons in the District of Columbia to 200....The Speaker laid before the House a number of requests for leaves of absence. Debate ensued and objections were raised on all sides. Several were granted, however, whereupon Mr. Browne said he had voted against a holiday adjournment in good faith, but was now satisfied that what was transacted in the House yesterday was a low comedy, and that an attempt to meet during the holidays would be a farce....Finally, after a warm debate, the House, by a vote of 127 yeas to 100 nays, adopted a resolution for a holiday recess from December 22 till January 2....Mr. Williams, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, reported a joint resolution reciting that the Government of France proposes, to establish at Tunis a judicial system common to Christian nations; that courts in that country are opened for the protection of citizens of the United States in their person, property and rights, and authorizing the President to declare by proclamation that the right on the part of the United States and its citizens to claim extra jurisdiction within said territory of Tunis has ceased and will no longer be claimed or exercised. Passed....The House then went into committee on the postoffice appropriation bill, but did not reach a final vote before adjournment....The Speaker announced as an escort at the burial of Representative Orth of Indiana, Messrs. Calkins, Pierce, Steele, Watson, Davis, of Illinois. Urner and Rees

SENATE.—Dec. 20.—A bill was introduced by Mr. Saunders of Nebraska, to authorize the construction of a bridge across the Missouri directly between Omaha and Council Bluffs, and establish the same as a post road. Referred. Also (by request), for the admission of Utah into the Union on an equal footing with the original states. Referred....The counselor and diplomatic appropriation bill was called up. On motion of Mr. Pendleton, with the approval of the Committee on Foreign Relations, an amendment was added appropriating $5,000 to enable the President to extend diplomatic relations with the Governments of Eastern Asia. The bill then passed....The civil service bill next came up and was considered at length but without conclusion the Senate went into executive session.

HOUSE.—The House went into committee on the postoffice appropriation bill, and after consideration reported it to the House, when it passed—163 to 21....Mr. Lynch offered a resolution making it in order to offer an amendment to the Pension Appropriation bill placing enlisted colored persons on the same footing as other soldiers as to pensions and bounty to such persons. Referred....Fifteen leaves of absence were granted.

SENATE.—Dec. 21.—Resolutions in regard to a rebate equal to any reduction made in the tobacco tax were presented, and Mr. Morgan of Alabama, gave notice that he would offer an amendment to the resolution of the finance committee in relation to the tax on tobacco providing any rebate allowed should be in certificates to cover future taxation on manufactured spirits or tobacco....Mr. Saunders of Nebraska, offered a resolution reciting that the pre-emption law under which land could be entered for purchase at $1.20 per acre, without permanent settlement, should be repealed and all government lands should be purchased for actual settlement only. The resolution elicited some discussion and was finally referred.... The resolution for the holiday recess was taken up and discussed at length. An amendment was offered by Mr. Garland of Arkansas, giving the consent of the Senate to the House taking a recess, but stating that the Senate could not afford to adjourn. The amendment was lost, and the original question was voted on and defeated, the vote standing ayes 25, nays 36.... The civil service bill was then taken up and a lively discussion followed. Mr. Conger of Michigan, made a speech in its favor, brimming with caustic remarks, and withal exceedingly witty and logical. Senator Williams of Kentucky, opposed the bill vigorously, declaring it impracticable and worthless, and a mere sham. A little good natured sparring was indulged in by different members, when the debate closed, and the agricultural appropriation bill came up for consideration. Several amendments were discussed and agreed to, and the bill passed.

HOUSE.—The tobacco tax question was the first thing before the House, all members who expressed an opinion being in favor of a rebate on stock on hand at the time the law becomes operative....The report of the collector of customs at Sitka, Alaska, justifying the shelling of an Indian village by the revenue steamer Corwin was laid before the House....The House at this point went into committee of the whole on the army appropriation bill. The amount of the appropriation is $24,681,700. One provision of the bill is that for army transportation land grant roads which have received government aid shall be allowed compensation not exceeding 50 per cent of the amount paid by private parties for the same kind of service. It was this provision that furnished the principal debate of the entire session. The question was carefully considered, but without action the committee rose, and after granting 25 leaves of absence the House adjourned.

SENATE.—Dec. 22d.—The tobacco tax measure came up when the following was adopted: Resolved, That it is the common sense of the Senate that whenever the internal revenue tax on tobacco, snuff or cigars is reduced or removed, unless ample previous notice of the time when the act is to take effect be given, a proportionate rebate paid on stock on hand should be allowed. The civil service bill was considered at length. Mr. Brown offered an amendment opening competitive examinations to persons outside the departments, but withdrew it and accepted as a substitute Mr. Pugh's amendment providing that the examination shall be open to all and immediately after the passage of this act those now in office shall be divided into three classes: First, those whose places can be filled at once by others (under competitive examinations) without injury to the service; second, those who can be subjected to such examinations six months after the passage of the act and third, those who can be subjected to examination in twelve months....Mr. Pugh explained and advocated this amendment, Messrs. Logan and Jones opposed it.....After some discussion Mr. Pugh modified it so as not to apply to soldiers and others mentioned in section 1754 of the revised statutes....Mr. Voorhees, on behalf of the Senators opposed to the bill, proposed an agreement that it should be taken up to-morrow after the morning business and voted upon finally to-morrow at 6 o'clock.....Mr. Pendleton was willing to agree to this if unanimous consent could be obtained....Mr. Edmunds objected, preferring to sit the bill out to-night....Mr. Van Wyck offered a resolution, which was agreed to, directing an investigation and report by the Commissioner on Public Lands, as to whether payments should be made upon contracts made under the deposit system for surveys before such surveys had been inspected by officers created for that purpose by act of the last session. The Commissioner is given power to send for persons and papers.... Mr. Voorhees moved to adjourn. Agreed to—Ayes 24, noes 21

HOUSE.—Mr. Hiscock offered a resolution declaring that on and after Wednesday, January 3 next, the hour of meeting of the House be 11 a. m. during the remainder of the session ....Mr. Kelley moved that when the House adjourn to-morrow it be till Wednesday. Carried....The army appropriation bill was then considered in committee, but it being discovered that no quorum was present, the committee arose and reported the absentees to the House....There were twenty-eight leaves of absence granted, making a total of 131 members absent on leave, and then the House adjourned, the common understanding being that no business should be transacted to-morrow.

CRIME.

ANOTHER SET OF RASCALS.

The community of Jefferson, Ohio, is excited over the defalcation of J. Fuller and H. L. St. John, Cashier and Assistant Cashier of the second National Bank, and the suspension of the bank pending an investigation. Fuller has fled. He has been speculating and used $50,000 to $75,000 of the bank's funds. St. John, on learning that the crime was discovered, had a stroke of paralysis. The depositors will not likely lose any money, the stockholders being liable for $200,000, being far more than the average deposits.

A POSTMASTER ROBBED.

Postmaster Dorr of Mahomet, Tex., was stopped by highwaymen the other night, who ordered him to hold up his hands. As he was slow in complying the highwaymen shot him fatally, then robbed him of his horse and $100.

AN INFURIATED HUSBAND.

A decided sensation has been caused at Peru, Ind., by an attempt of M. E. Kelley, manager of a large manufacturing concern, to kill A. J. Derby, a leading grocer. Going home unexpectedly Kelley found his wife and Derby in what he considered a suspicious position. He made a violent assault on Derby, firing a shot at him which went wide of the mark. He followed Derby to the latter's place of business where another encounter took place, both men exchanging a shot before bystanders interfered. Kelley says he will kill him yet.

A VERY BAD AFFAIR.

Merriam A. Montgomery, about 28 years old, shot his two little children at Packardville, near Amherst, Mass., instantly killing George, 6 years old, and probably fatally wounding Eva, 4 years. Montgomery had not lived with his wife for eight months, leaving her through jealousy, and she made her home with her father, Horatio Marsh, a farmer. Montgomery visited her family and stayed several days. On the morning of the crime he asked his wife if she would live with him and she refused. He immediately went out to where the children were playing and shot them. He then tried to shoot his wife and her father, but was overpowered by the latter and kept in the house till the sheriff came. He was taken to Northampton, pleaded not guilty, and was sent to jail. Montgomery does not drink, and says he does not remember having committed the crime. The whole family came from the west in the spring, and little is known of them.

NEWS NOTES.

A GREENBACK ASSEMBLAGE.

The central committee of the national greenback labor party held a meeting at St. Louis on the 20th instant. A dispatch of this date said: 'After the noon hour the members held an informal talk among themselves, in which it was developed that the principal questions before the committee would be the adoption of a platform; also the propriety of changing the name of the party. This latter is expected to cause a lively fight in the committee. There will be four distinct propositions to re-name the party, as, the National, the anti-Monopoly, the Independent and the Whig. It is also probable that action will be taken on the prohibition question. The committee were in executive session during the afternoon and are holding a secret meeting again to-night. It leaked out, however, that the chief matter before the committee so far is a resolution presented by De LaMatyr of Indiana, looking to dissolution of the Greenback party, the calling of a national convention by all elements opposing the Republican and Democratic parties and organization of a new party under a new name. It is understood that all the leading spirits present including Gen. Weaver of Iowa, Hopkins of New York, Chambers of Texas, De LaMatyr, Studebaker and Post of Indiana, Springer of Maine, Hill of St. Louis and others advocated the proposition, in fact it is said nobody opposed it except Jesse Harper, who thought it would be better to continue the present organization and gradually educate the people up to their principles. Messrs. Weaver and De LaMatyr are said to have made strong speeches in favor of the resolution."

HOW IT TURNED OUT.

Except to lawyers it is not generally known that under the common law it is a crime to attempt self-destruction. It is quite unusual for any one to be arrested on this charge, but a case has just come up and been disposed of in New York worthy of note. Dorothea Christina Matzen was arraigned in court on a charge of attempted suicide, her reason being that she was refused the hand of a man in marriage whom she had come from Germany to get. Everything was in readiness for the case to proceed, when her lover came to the front, and made known through a friend, his desire to save the girl by marrying her. All parties consenting, the defendant was dismissed, when her future husband fell to the floor in an epileptic fit. On recovering the ceremony was performed, and all were made happy.

FAILED.

The City bank of Rochester, N. Y., has failed with liabilities amounting to $500,000. A list of creditors is not obtainable. Mr. L. P. Ross, a director, being introduced explained the cause as follows: "Charles E. Upton, the president of the bank, took the bank's money to the extent of $330,000 to speculate in oil, without the knowledge or consent of the directors or any of the officers." This fact was not discovered until the day before the failure. Mr. Ross thinks 75 per cent. will be obtained by the depositors. Upton will probably be arrested.

THE FINE PAID.

Gen. N. M. Curtis, of New York, convicted of levying political assessments on government employes under him, has paid his fine of $1,500 to Judge Barrett.

ELECTION DAY APPOINTED.

Gov. Porter of Indiana, has appointed Tuesday, January 9, as the date for a special election for successor to the late Congressman Orth. It is believed the republican nominee will be Hon. Jos. R. Gray, of Hamilton county, and that the democrats will name Hon. Thos. B. Ward.

THE KINGSTON BLAZE.

The steamer Alvo, from Kingston, Jamaica, brings details of the recent conflagration. All shipping removed out of the harbor was saved, although the heat at that distance was so great that they had to keep the sails wet. Hundreds of people fleeing from the city swam out, the Alvo rescuing 200. The loss was $3,000,000. The custom house was fired several times, but saved. The cause of the fire spreading is attributed to the fact that all the houses were roofed with pine shingles.

ANOTHER BROKEN BANK.

There is great excitement at Victor, New York over the suspension of Moore's bank, with liabilities of $100,000. Mr. Moore made an assignment to Josiah Upton of Victor, of a $12,000 farm, mortgaged for $6,000; the bank building, $12,000, mortgaged for $7,000; cash and papers in the bank vaults, $1,000. There are 1,200 depositors, with balances on deposit of $35,000.

SUFFERING SETTLERS.

It is reported from Dakota that 15 families of Russian refugees, sent by the relief associations to different parts of this territory, are destitute, and unless aid is furnished at once they will starve or freeze to death.

DISASTROUS FIRE AT BUFFALO.

A most disastrous fire occurred in Buffalo, N. Y., on the afternoon of Dec. 21. The fire is one of the most destructive that has visited the city in many years. A number of business blocks were destroyed, among them the beautiful Masonic temple and Commercial Advertiser building. The loss is roughly estimated at $300,000. The fire originated in the engraving room of the Commercial Advertiser building. Files of the Advertiser for 50 years were lost, and the loss on stock, fixtures and building is about $175,000, with an insurance of $100,000. The carpets and furniture of the Masonic temple, costing $12,000, together with the jewels, valued at $25,000 more, were all destroyed.

THEY AGREE.

The Sioux Indian commission has arrived at Pierre, Dak., having effected an amicable treaty highly satisfactory to both parties, 4,200 Indians of different Sioux tribes being treated with. The new reservation is bounded on the north by the Cheynne Grand River, on the south by the Cheynne river, on the west by the 102° meridian, and on the east by the Missouri river. This opens up a vast territory to settlement and gives an unquestioned route to the Black Hills.

A KICK FROM ST. THOMAS.

At a meeting of the city council of St. Thomas, Ont., a committee was appointed to wait upon the Canada Southern railway officials with reference to protesting against the proposed removal of that company's offices to Detroit, as agreed upon as one of the terms of the consolidation with the Michigan Central. It was determined to have recourse to the law, if necessary, in order to prevent such removal.

REDPATH ON IRELAND.

In a lecture on Ireland, in the lecture room of St. Bridget's church, New York, before the eleventh ward branch of the Parnell land league, James Redpath said: "I have been through Ireland and I have seen the peasants. They are not drunken and they are not lazy. In fact, I have never seen a more industrious people. I have seen Irish women busily knitting while they worked carrrying turf. It is enough to make a sensible man swear to hear them charged with laziness. Irish peasants are not lawless. I see that Michael Davitt has said within a week that crime killed the land league. I think it is time to speak out about Michael Davitt. He has turned traitor to Ireland. I stand by Chas. Stewart Parnell and the national league until the oppressive power of landlords is crushed and the sufferings of the famished Irish people are relieved.

SHERMAN A ROMANIST.

The New York Sun says it is positively alleged that Gen. W. T. Sherman has recently been received into the Roman catholic church. The ceremony of the occasion was rather private. Mrs. Sherman has long been a catholic, but the general has always been known as a free thinker.

ANOTHER EXCITING BREEZE.

Jonathan E. Pierpont, for many years secretary and treasurer of the Monroe county, New York savings bank, has resigned his position. The reason for resignation causes much speculation. The directors say Pierpont's books and accounts are all right. The Monroe county savings bank is a preferred creditor of the defunct city bank to the amount of $50,000. Mr. Pierpont is said to have been on Upton's paper to a large amount. The savings bank has a large surplus and is sound beyond a doubt.

THE CREEK INDIANS AT WAR.

Advices from Muskogee, Indian territory, on the 26th said: "The first open hostilities of the Creek Indian war occurred fifteen miles west of Ormulgee. A band of Checote's men, under Jim Larney, were going west, when about 7 o'clock in the evening they were attacked by some 200 of Spichic's partisans under command of Mekarochee. The fight raged for an hour, when Checote's men fell back, but kept up a running fight for ten miles. Bob Carr, Dave Barrett and wife and a man named Walsh are reported killed. The loss on the other side is not known. The whole country is rushing to arms. On receipt of the news here a detachment of forty United States soldiers was ordered to the scene and this morning they overtook and disarmed 150 of Checote's men. This will be continued till all the men on both sides are disarmed. The Spichic men say they don't want to fight, but do want their rights and are anxious that a United States commissioner should investigate and decide the matter between them and the opposing party. United States Agent Tuffts went to the scene of the trouble yesterday."

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

REFORMS DEMANDED.

In the chamber of deputies at Madrid Senor Dominquez, Marshal Gerrano's nephew, demanded that reforms be instituted in the army and navy and in the public administration, and that changes be made in the present constitution in the direction of liberty. The minister of war stated that reforms in the war department were under consideration.

AN M. P.'S MOUTH MAKES A MUDDLE.

The speech of Mr. Biggar, M. P. for Cavan, in Waterford, in which he denounced Earl Spencer, forms the subject of universal conversation. It is stated that the government intends to deal instantly with him on account of his attack on the administration of justice in Ireland and the character of the viceroy.

A POSSIBLE WAR.

The Chinese ambassador at Paris states that the party of resistance in China may compel his government to declare war with France. He says that the Chinese government is desirous of observing strict neutrality in the Annam matter, and wishes to participate in a protectorate at Tonquin if France insists on one. The Journal des Debats in an editorial says France must render a French protectorate at Tonquin effective.

WARLIKE MOVEMENTS.

It is semi-officially stated that the German government intends sending large bodies of troops to the Russian frontier to offset the large bodies of Russian soldiers now moving to the German frontiers. This action causes excitement in military and official circles, and fears are entertained that the relations between Russia and Germany are strained and that these movements of troops mean serious trouble.

RELATIONS OF GERMANY AND AUSTRIA.

Articles have appeared in several Austrian and Hungarian papers warning Austria that the renewal of the alliance with Germany has endangered the maintenance of friendly relations with Russia, and claiming it would be hazardous to urge a continuance of friendship with Germany as the only guarantee of peace.

TO BE PROSECUTED.

O'Brien, editor of the United Ireland, will be prosecuted by the English government for seditious libel. The last issue was all seized by the police.

A PUBLIC CENSURE.

The chamber of French deputies has adopted the bill granting subventions to public schools. During the discussion De Cassagnac was called to order and subsequently formally censured by the president of the chamber.

BITS OF NEWS.

Trenos Whark, ex-president of the Panama bank, is dead, leaving a fortune of $10,000,000.

It is reported that active fighting continues in the Transvaal, owing to operations of Boer forces against Chief Mapoch.

The porte has notified foreign ambassadors of its intention to expel from Turkey correspondents found to be guilty of sending false news.

Col. Ross, of the governor general's body guard, has made charges against Maj. Gen. Luard, head center of the Dominion militia, and the matter is likely to be ventilated in parliament.

The South Chicago rolling mills will probably resume work early in January.

The immense crop of apples and peaches in Texas has given a boom in the apple brandy business, and it is said nearly 250 distilleries have been licensed in the state.

Twenty-two vessels wrecked in Green Bay, N. F., by wind and snow storm the heaviest in 50 years.

The Washington citizens' committee is piling up evidence daily to prove that the detective force of the District has been in collusion with thieves.

The 2,000 employes of the Lancaster (Mass.) gingham mills have quietly submitted to a reduction of wages.

The czar's contemplated European tour will be deferred until next autumn, when he will travel as the crowned czar of all the Russias, the coronation being fixed for the beginning of summer.

Toronto is preparing to celebrate the city's semi-centennial in 1884 with a grand jolification to last four days.

Mrs. P. S. Breckenridge has just taken out naturalization papers at Pittsburgh, Pa. This is said to be the first instance of the kind in the history of the United States.

It is believed that hostile Zulu chiefs will resist the attempt to reinstate Cetewayo in his sovereignty in Zuzuland.

The Golos says Russia desires to maintain cordial relations with Germany, but cannot allow officious German papers to misinterpret her feelings.

The North German Gazette says the recent warlike preparations of Russia and Germany are simply measures of precaution.

F. B. Gardner, lumberman, once a very wealthy and extensive dealer, has failed at Chicago; liabilities $60,000. The assets, if properly handled, will be sufficient to pay all claims. Gardner is owner of the Pensaukee mill property.

The French goverment will demand a credit of 11,000,000 francs for the Tonquin expedition.

The greenback national convention, 22 states represented, decided at St. Louis to continue the present organization.

The Montreal chief of police has received notice from Scotland Yard of a great diamond robbery at London and offering a reward of $2,500 for the capture of the thief.

The iron manufacturers in the states east of the Alleghenies, while not approving all the changes proposed by the tariff commission, believes that in the main such reductions will not paralyze the industries to be effected by them.

Gov. Hendricks will go to Bermuda as soon as he is well enough to travel.

A Brooklyn judge has decided that a man married while drunk must submit.

Vennor is loosing his grip. He shouldn't prophecy about Christmas weather again; had better deal with a less conspicuous day.

The Egyptian leaders have been publicly degraded from rank and sent to Ceylon.

President Upton, of the suspended City bank of Rochester, N. Y., has given $20,000 bail to await action of the grand jury.

Quaint Things Said by Little Ones.

Children say many quaint things. Sometimes, too, there is a sort of wit in the piercing directness with which they go to the heart of a question. Mr. Howard Paul, in a collection which he has just published of "Clever Things Said by Children," makes them too clever by half.

The story of the Board school student who could not be made to understand the nature of a miracle, and who, instead of giving the answer expected from him, declared that if he saw the moon shining in the daytime he would say it was the sun, and that if his master assured him it was not the sun he should say his master was drunk, appeared originally in an official report.

The mingled dullness and ingenuity with which children will sometimes throw new light on a question by their mode of answering it is often very amusing. In order to explain in a strikingly intelligible manner the necessity of regulating one's conduct, a schoolmaster asks a boy what, when a watch goes sometimes too fast, sometimes too slow, the owner ought to do with it. "Sell it," replies the boy.

The reputation for veracity enjoyed by George Washington in America has been made by his admiring fellow-countrymen the subject of innumerable jests; and it appears that some lecturer on moral philosophy, having questioned a pupil as to why Washington's birthday was celebrated more than the lecturer's own birthday, received the prompt answer, "Because he never told a lie."

There can be no doubt as to the sharpness (or as to the insolence) of the boy who, as he was removing the outer part of a piece of cheese, and was told by his father in the tone of remonstrance that he ate the rind, answered, "I am cutting this off for you." Many of the savings ascribed to innocent little children are at least as rude as they are witty. What else can be said of the daring repartee uttered by the boy who wished first to know whether his grandpapa had been with Noah in the ark, and, being answered curtly in the negative, inquired of the old man how it was that he escaped drowning?

There is deep pathos, on the other hand, in the tale of a child who, having been presented with a half-crown, and assured moreover that it was a good one, expressed his regret, saying that if it had been bad he might have kept it, but that as it was good his parents would take it from him.

There is drollery sometimes in the *naivete* with which a child will mistake the character of an action. A young man, for instance, coming home from a party so late that he thought it desirable to take off his boots before walking uptairs, was told by his infant brother from a commanding position on the staircase that he need not be afraid of waking the family, since they were "all up."

"I wish I was the trapper and was tied to the stake, going to be burned alive by the Indians," said little Johnny Fizzletop, who was reading a dime novel on the sofa. "Why do you wish to be in such a horrible predicament?" asked his mother. "Because in the last chapter, the trapper scalps Jeewhillikins Jim, the jumping jackass of Juniper Jungle, and his Indian allies, and carries off White Fawn, the lovely maiden, in triumph to his mountain fastness." "I think there is too much fastness anyhow, about the boys of Austin," remarked his mother thoughtfully.—*Siftings.*

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Pork, family	19 00	@	19 50
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Wood, Maple			8 00
Wood, Hickory			8 00
Coal, Egg	6 25	@	6 50
Coal, Stove			6 50
Coal, Chestnut	6 50	@	6 75

FOOD FOR THOUGHT.

Despise no one; for every one knows something thou knowest not.

Emulation embalms the dead; envy, the vampire, blasts the living.

To a guilty soul the fall of a leaf sounds like the crack of doom.

It is the enemy whom we do not suspect who is the most dangerous.

Women's friendship is a theory that has never yet been put to practice.

Suffering itself does not less afflict the senses than the fear of suffering.

Fellowship with God produces strengthens and increases hatred to sin.

Recreation is only valuable as it unbends us; the idle can know nothing of it.

Cast your nets in the right water, and they may take fish while you are sleeping.

Experience is the trophy composed of all the weapons we have been wounded with.

Language is not an instrument into which if a fool breathes it will make a melody.

In memory's mellowed light we behold not the thorns; we see only the flowers.

Seeing much and suffering much and studying much are the three pillars of learning.

Get your money ready before getting out of an omnibus, and—before going into law.

The defects of the understanding, like those of the face, grow worse as we grow old.

As a sandy hill is to the feet of the aged, so is a woman of many words to a quiet man.

One who is never busy can never enjoy rest, for rest implies relief from previous labor.

Fame is to give our heart's blood that a violet may bloom from our dust in a hundred years.

Don't scowl; it spoils faces. Before you know it your head will resemble a small railway map.

The pages of our lives that to the world seem darkest in God's eyes may be luminous as stars.

Every day a little helpfulness. We live for the good of others, if our living be in any sense true living.

If you should have just what you really deserve—no more, no less—would you be as happy as you are now?'

Successes in society are the most difficult of accomplishment—you have to sacrifice your vanity to other people's.

If our whole time was spent in amusing ourselves, we should find it more wearisome than the hardest day's work.

Some rocks cannot prevent the course of a river; over human obstacles events roll onward without being turned aside.

Burton describes idleness as being "the cushion upon which the devil reposes." Johnson designates it as "the rust of the soul."

The history of most lives may be briefly comprehended under three heads—our follies, our faults, and our misfortunes.

It is better for the memory to have a distinct idea of one fact of a great subject than to have confused ideas of the whole.

There are few persons in the world whose discourse does not soon, like the dipthongs in spoil, boil, etc., degenerate into I.

The secret of universal success is caution in attempting. Great men can what they will, because they only will what they can.

There are some faults in conduct, and some in conversation and writing, which are not to be condemned or pardoned, but forgotten.

Ignorance is one of those infirmities that are insensible; and, though it be ever so desperately sick, feels no pain or want of health.

In religion talk is brass, action is gold. The old darkey said, "Pears like I could say more in five minutes than I could live in five years."

As a want of faith is fatal to all goodness, so it is a deficiency far more frequent among men than a careless observer would imagine.

In judging of others, a man laboreth in vain, often erreth, and easily sinneth; but in judging and examining himself he always laboreth fruitfully.

This life is not ordained in vain; it is constituted for a grand purpose; if through its lessons of experience we become convinced that this life is not all.

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THE FARM.

THE FARMER'S FIRESIDE.

Around the fire, one wintry night,
The farmer's rosy children sat;
The fagot lent its blazing light,
And mirth went round, and harmless chat.

When, hark! a gentle hand they hear
Low tapping at the bolted door,
And thus to gain their willing ear,
A feeble voice was heard implore:

"Cold blows the blast across the moor
The sleet drives hissing in the wind;
Yon toilsome mountain lies before,
A dreary treeless waste behind.

"My eyes are dim and weak with age;
No road, no path can I descry;
And these poor rags ill stand the rage,
Of such a keen inclement sky.

"So faint I am, these tottering feet
No more my palsied frame can bear;
My freezing heart forgets to beat,
And drifting snows my tomb prepare.

"Open your hospitable door,
And shield me from the biting blast;
Cold, cold it blows across the moor,
The weary moor that I have passed."

With hasty steps the farmer ran,
And close beside the fire they place
The poor half-frozen beggar-man,
With shaking limbs and pale-blue face.

The little children flocking came,
And chafed his frozen hands in theirs;
And busily the good old dame
A comfortable mess prepares.

Their kindness cheered his drooping soul,
And slowly down his wrinkled cheek
The big round tear was seen to roll,
And told the thanks he could not speak.

The children then began to sigh,
And all their merry chat was o'er;
And yet they felt, they know not why,
More glad than they had done before.

The Senses of Bees.

Sir John Lubbock lately read to the members of the Linnæan Society an account of his further observations on the habits of insects, during the past year. The two queen ants which have lived with him since 1874, and which are now, therefore, no less than eight years old, are still alive, and laid eggs last summer as usual. His oldest workers are seven years old. Dr. Muller, in a recent review, had courteously criticised his experiments on the color sense of bees, but Sir John Lubbock pointed out that he had anticipated the objections suggested by Dr. Muller, and had guarded against the supposed source of error. The difference was, moreover, not one of principle, nor does Dr. Muller question the main conclusions arrived at, or doubt the preference of bees for blue, which, indeed, is strongly indicated by his own observations on flowers. Sir John also recorded some further experiments with reference to the power of hearing. Some bees are trained to come to honey which was placed on a musical box on the lawn close to a window. The musical box was kept going for several hours a day for a fortnight. It was then brought into the house and placed out of sight, but at the open window, and only about seven yards from where it had been before. The bees, however, did not find the honey, though when it was once shown them they came to it readily enough. Other experiments with a microphone were without results. Every one knows that bees when swarming are popularly, and have been ever since the time of Aristotle, supposed to be influenced by clanging kettles, etc. Experienced apiarists are now disposed to doubt whether the noise has really any effect, but Sir John suggests that even if it has with reference to which he expressed no opinion, it is impossible that what the bees hear are not the loud, low sounds, but the higher overtones at the verge of or beyond our range of hearing. As regards the industry of wasps, he timed a bee and a wasp, for each of which he provided a store of honey, and he found that the wasp began earlier in the morning (at four a. m.,) and worked on later in the day. He did not, however, quote this as proving greater industry on the part of the wasp, as it might be that they are less sensitive to cold. Moreover, though the bee's proboscis is admirably adapted to extract honey from tubular flowers, when the honey is exposed, as in this case, the wasp appears able to swallow it more rapidly. This wasp began work at 4 a. m., and went on without any rest or intermission till 7:45 p.m., during which time she paid Sir John one hundred and sixteen visits.

Keeping Potatoes Through Winter.

American Cultivator.

It is not by any means necessary to have a cellar to store potatoes, and if one is used to store several hundred bushels it should be almost any other place than under the house where the farmer and his family reside. It is best not to store the potatoes in the cellar too early. If dug while the weather is warm, they should be allowed to dry out with a covering of straw only. As wet or cold weather approaches the heaps should be covered over with earth thinly at first, and leaving a wisp of the straw sticking up through the centre for ventilation. Potatoes may be left in pits all winter, provided they are sufficiently protected against frost. This is best done not by a continuous layer of earth, but by alternating earth or stable manure with coarse straw. The object of such protection is to form a space of confined air, which is the poorest conductor of heat, and consequently best in excluding the frost. Great care should be taken to see that the earth is piled up well on the west side of the pit, that being the side upon which the coldest winds blow. In a very cold time additional stable manure may be used.

There is an important advantage in storing potatoes intended for seed in out-door pits. They are kept cooler than is possible in most cellars, and retain their firmness until ready for planting. Many of the seed potatoes kept until late in cellars have their vitality so exhausted that they are utterly unfit for seed. If the potatoes are already stored in cellars some of the advantages of out-door pitting may be obtained by shoveling over them a little moist earth, or covering them with sods.

In the spring, so soon as the weather is safe from hard frosts, potatoes for seed may be got up into a light, dry place, and spread thinly. In the light the eyes will start slowly, but they will be putting forth strong shoots to push vigorously so soon as planted under ground.

If potatoes are threatened with rot, the disease may sometimes be checked by placing them in close cellars and thoroughly fumigating with burning charcoal. How this checks the rot has not yet been satisfactorily explained, a theory prevailing that deficiency in carbon in the potato is the cause of rot. The act, however, is well attested that this remedy has saved potatoes in some instances, and this result is of more practical importance than the theory of its performance.

Grape Grower's Maxims.

The Vine Dresser.

1. Prepare the ground in fall; plant in spring.
2. Give the vine plenty of manure, old and well decomposed; for fresh manure excites growth, but does not mature it.
3. Luxuriant growth does not always insure fruit.
4. Dig deep, but plant shallow.
5. Young vines produce beautiful fruit, but old vines produce the richest.
6. Prune in autumn to insure growth; but in the spring to promote fruitfulness.
7. Plant your vines before you put up trellis.
8. Vines like old soldiers, should have good arms.
9. Prune spurs to one developed bud; for the nearer the old wood the higher flavoured the fruit.
10. Those who prune long must soon climb.
11. Vine leaves love the sun; the fruit the shade.
12. Every leaf has a bud at the base, and either a bunch of fruit or a tendril opposite it.
13. A tendril is an aborisive fruit bunch—a bunch of fruit, a productive tendril.
14. A bunch of grapes without a healthy leaf opposite is like a ship at sea without a rudder—it can't come to port.
15. Laterals are like politicians; if not checked they are the worst of thieves.

Notes.

When it is desired to protect some particular plant that has attained considerable size it may be done by surrounding it with rye straw, tying the top of the straw well to keep out the rain.

The Nergennes grape is a novelty because of its long-keeping qualities. With ordinary care, in a cool room or dry cellar, the fruit will be as fresh in January as in September. It is also a remarkable grower, extremely hardy, a good bearer, handsome bunch and berry, and of real good quality.

When the ground becomes frozen, or no other work offers, preparations can always be made for advancing prospective work when it arrives. Bean poles may be made; and if the ends are charred, and then dipped in coal-tar, the commonest material will be rendered nearly equal to the best cedar.

Every one interested in potatoes should try on a small scale new varieties till they find something adapted to their cultivation, etc., and by being a little careful, can double their yield on any of the old kinds with but little additional expense. Money spent for good seed is well invested, and will be very certain to pay a large dividend.

Experiments by careful breeders give some valuable facts for estimating the cost of producing pork. It is conceded that one bushel of corn should produce ten pounds of pork, but everything depends on the management. With good weather, a good breed, sound corn and regular feeding this average may be reached, but not otherwise.

It is of the greatest importance that milk be placed only in vessels that are scrupulously clean, and they need cleaning after milk as much as after anything else. By putting milk into a vessel that has been more or less soured with old milk the new is at once introduced, so to speak, to the old leaven that will turn it all sour in a very short time.

Corn will shrink from the time it is husked from the field or shock, in the autumn, in well-protected cribs, from 20 to 30 per cent. by spring; that is, 100 bushels will shrink to 70 or 80, according to how dry it was when husked and put into the crib. Sound corn will shrink 20 per cent., so that 40 cents per bushel as it comes from the field is as good as 50 cents in the spring says an observer.

The *American Farmer* says: "If a field be set in grass and then regularly fertilized with the elements that chemical analysis shows to be the constituents of the plant, the grass will hold the soil to the exclusion of all foreign vegetation, as far as human science can produce the analysis of the plant, and if foreign vegetation should appear, it may be attributed to some deficiency in the fertilizer."

Dry food is not the best, even when concentrated. There are many vegetables that may be very cheaply grown which will make the young stock grow as well as any other kind. Fat is not required in growing stock, and turnips, parsnips, carrots, potatoes and pumpkins should be fed freely. Melons have made hogs grow until ready for corn, and cabbages are a luxury to stock when green food is scarce.

OLD TREES.—The oldest tree in the world, so far as any one known, is the Bo tree of the sacred city of Amarapoora in Burmah. It was planted 288 B. C., and is therefore now 2,170 years old. Sir James Emerson Tennent gives reasons for believing that the tree is really of this wonderful age, and refers to historic documents in which it is mentioned at different dates, as 182 A. D., 223 A. D., and so on to the present day. "To it," says Sir James, "kings have even dedicated their dominions in testimony of a belief that it is a branch of the identical fig-tree under which Buddha reclined at Urumelaya when he underwent his apotheosis.' Its leaves are carried away as streamers by pilgrims, but it is too sacred to touch with a knife, and therefore they are only gathered when they fall. The king oak in Windsor forest, England, is 1,00 years old.

"Oh, Pat!" "What, sor?" "Did yez iver see a winter loike this?" "Yes, sor." "Whin?" "Last summer, sor."

THE HOUSEHOLD.

Utilizing Skim Milk and Whey.

Prof. Mueller, of Berlin, has recently called attention in a German paper to the great importance of this matter, and has described some improved methods of preservation, devised for the purpose of increasing the use of skim milk and whey in that city. He urges that the chief reasons why so little use has hitherto been made of these products in populous places are the ignorance which prevails in respect to their high physiological value as food; the lack of practical knowledge as to the manifold, useful, and appetizing purposes, which they could be made to serve in cooking and baking; and particularly the difficulty of marketing such cheap and perishable materials, *i. e.* of transporting them cheaply, and of preserving them effectively for periods long enough to relieve both buyer and seller from anxiety as to the risk of spoiling. With regard to the trouble last named, he considers it as good as proved that partial concentration of skim milk, or of whey, by evaporating in vacuum pans, will be sufficient for all ordinary requirements. By evaporating skim milk to one-fourth or one-fifth its bulk a product is obtained which can be kept without special care for a week or a fortnight, according to the season and the temperature. Whey concentrated to one-seventh or one-eighth its bulk, or still further, or even to dryness, if it is to be carried far, is by no means an easily perishable article. It has, in fact, long been prepared, in a somewhat crude way, in Norway, and in Switzerland. As regards the city of Berlin at the present time, the concentration of whey seems to be more important than the preservation of skim milk, since the common practice there is to sell, in its natural state, as much skim milk as there is demand for, and to make cheese of the remainder. The whey thus obtained was formerly thrown away, because of the difficulty of keeping a large number of hogs in the city. The concentrated whey has been found practically, to serve an extremely useful purpose in bread-making. Prof. Mueller remarks that the quality of the bread is surprisingly improved, and that for this particular purpose, whey is decidedly better than fresh milk.

HOME-MADE CRACKERS.—These are more wholesome for children than cookies, and the novelty of having them made at home goes a good way toward making them eatable. Take three-fourths of a cup of butter or lard, one pint of sour milk, three teaspoonfuls of baking powder. Stir all except the milk in with the flour, and when thoroughly mixed put the milk in. Be careful not to knead them too much; as there is danger of their being tough; roll thin and bake in a quick oven.

In washing scarlet flannel, to prevent the color from changing, mix with the water a cupful of flour, having previously boiled it in a quart of water for ten or fifteen minutes. Do not rub on a board, but squeeze and rinse up and down several times. If greatly soiled wash in three or four waters, and care must be taken to have them all of the same temperature.

Pretty little fancy cakes for the basket, and which are especially adapted for children's parties, and made by mixing three ounces of rice flour with three ounces of powdered sugar; beat three eggs, and add, stirring all thoroughly together. Spread this mixture out smoothly on some stiff writing paper, and bake in a moderate oven for twenty minutes; then take from the oven, and then cut with fancy cutters in any shape or shapes you choose—hearts, crescents and rings are all pretty. Cover each one with icing; set them back in the oven to harden. This will be accomplished in about two minutes.

OKRA GUMBO.—Take two quarts of tomatoes and one quart of okra cut in rings; put them over the fire with about three quarts of water, and let the mixture come to a boil. Take one chicken, cut it up and fry brown, with plenty of gravy; put it in with the okra and tomatoes; add several small onions chopped fine, a little corn and Lima beans, salt and pepper to taste. Let all simmer gently for several hours. To be served with a tablespoonful of boiled rice to each soup-plate.

RABBITS.—Rabbits, which are in the best condition in mid-winter, may be fricasseed like chicken, in white or brown sauce. To make a pie, first stew till tender and make like chicken pie. To roast, stuff with a dressing made of bread-crumbs, chopped salt pork, thyme, onion, pepper and salt; sew up; rub over with a little butter, or pin on it a few slices of salt pork, add a little water in the pan and baste often. Serve with mashed potatoes and currant jelly.

MAYONNAISE OF CAULIFLOWER.—Put some cauliflowers into just enough boiling water to cover them; add a little salt and butter to the water. When cooked let them become cold; then season them with a marmade of a little salt and pepper, and one spoonful of oil. Let them remain for an hour. When ready to serve pile them on a dish to a point, then mask them with a mayonnaise sauce.

FEATHER CAKE.—Beat to a cream half a cup of butter and two cups of sugar, one cup of milk with a teaspoonful of soda dissolved in it; beat well together, then add one cup of flour with two teaspoonfuls of cream tartar rubbed in it, and the well-beaten yolks of three eggs. Beat the whites separately until stiff, add them and two more cups of flour to the other ingredients; beat well; butter two tins, pour in the cake. Carefulness in baking is important.

MOLASSES POUND CAKE.—Take one cup of sugar and one cup of butter and beat to a cream; add three-quarters cup of molasses; two eggs well beaten; one cup of sweet milk; one teaspoonful of best soda, dissolved in the milk; into four cups of flour, well-sifted, mix two teaspoonfuls of cream tartar. Stir all together, then add a teacupful of raisins, well dredged with flour; a teacupful of currants; two teaspoonfuls of cinnamon; one of cloves, and a wine-glass of old brandy if you choose. This will make two round loaves.

GRAHAM CAKE.—One teacupful of sour cream, one cup of sugar, two eggs well beaten, two cups of graham flour, one teaspoonful of soda. Bake an hour. This is a wholesome and very good cake.

TO FRY BEEFSTEAK.—Have the frying pan very hot; do not grease it; take a nice porterhouse or sirloin steak; do not pound it, as that process lets the juice escape; place in the frying-pan; let it remain until seared; turn quickly allowing the other side to become seared, repeat several times; when sufficiently done, place the steak upon a hot platter, salt and pepper to taste and put over it small lumps of butter. Serve immediately. Few can tell it from a broil.

He Wanted to be a Newspaper Writer.

The other day Col. Gillit, of Black Fork, accompanied by his son, visited the Traveler office. "I've been layin' off for some time." he said, "to fetch my boy in, but we've had to save the fodder and git the fattenin' hogs outen the woods. I know that you want somebody to help you on this sheet, for it's man's natur' to git tired. Now, my boy Tom, here, has had a heap of money spent on his eddycation, and I don't think that it's right to waste him on the farm. The fust indication we had that he was fitted for newspaper work was when he writ somethin' on the fence with a piece of charcoal an' got into a fight about it. What was it you writ, son?"

"I writ that Ben Buckle, was a liar," answered the boy.

"Now, don't you see what stuff there's in him? Just look, a boy only—how old are you. son?"

"Twelve, goin' on thirteen."

"Just look at a boy only twelve goin' on thirteen writin' sich a political artickle as that. The man who writ the paper of independence couldn't do any better than that. And you ought to see him with a pen. Son, show the gentlemon how you can freeze to the end of a pen and rar like a hoss"

The boy took up a pen, pressed it upon the table and capered around.

"That's what I call complishment," continued the father. "That's what's I call snap. Son, show the gentleman how you can throw your whole nature into liar."

The boy took the pen and wrote "liar" with bold smear.

"Now, son, write hoss thief"

The boy wrote "hoss thief," and capered around with a juvenile grin of malignity.

"That's what I call the result of eddycation," resumed the father. "That's what I call newspaper ability. Now sir, how much is he worth a month?"

"I would dislike to place a hurried estimate of value upon such active service as the young man could render," said the editor. "Besides, we could not utilize him here, for this is not a political paper. Your son is a political writer, and I would advise you to see the proprietor of a daily sheet."

"I reckon you are right. This is a sorter tame establishment. Come on, son, I mus' git you a place whar you can sling your jints."—*Arkansaw Traveler.*

The Man of Few Words.

Old Anecdote Book.

To prove the garrulity of some travelers we state the following facts: A young man some time back, arrived at an inn, and after alighting from his horse, went into the travelers' room, where he walked backward and forward for some minutes, displaying the utmost importance. At length he rang the bell, and upon the waiter's appearance gave him an order, nearly as follows: "Waiter!" the waiter replied "Sir." "I am a man of few words, and don't like continually ringing the bell and disturbing the house. I'll thank you to listen to what I am going to say." The waiter again replied "Yes, sir." "In the first place bring me a glass of brandy and water, cold, with a little sugar, and also a teaspoon; wipe down the table, throw some coals on the fire and sweep up the hearth; bring me a couple of candles, pen, ink and paper, some wafers, a little sealing wax, and let me know what time the post goes out. Tell the ostler to take care of my horse, dress him well, stop his feet, and let me know when he is ready to feed. Order the chambermaid to prepare me a good bed, take care that the sheets are all well aired, a clean nightcap and a glass of water in the room. Send the boots with a pair of slippers that I can walk to the stable in; tell him I must have my boots cleaned and brought into this room to-night, and that I shall want to be called at 5 o'clock in the morning. Ask your mistress what I can have for supper; tell her I should lika roast duck or something of that sort; and ask your master to step in, I want to ask him a few questions about the drapers of this town." The waiter answered "Yes, sir," and then went to the landlord and told him a gentleman in the parlor wanted a great many things, and among the rest he wanted him, and that was all he could recollect.

They were discussing an elopement, and one lady, turning to her friend, said: "Don't you believe it would kill you if your husband were to ruu away with another woman?" "It might," was the cool reply, "Great joy sometimes kills."

A New England physician says that if every family would keep a box of mustard in the house three-fifths of the doctors would starve. No instructions as to whether it should be kept in the pantry or down cellar.

Curtains of fishermen's twine are new and likely to be fashionable.

"ONLY."

Only a trifle, yet broken
Are seals that were heavy and strong;
Only a word, lightly spoken,
Yet the soul bursteth forth into song.

Only a dew-drop, yet brighter
The verdure of meadow and lawn;
Only a sunbeam, yet lighter
And fairer the rosy-hued dawn.

Only a day, a mere glimmer
Of time, as it vanishes fast;
Only a day, growing dimmer
'Mid shadows and gloom of the past.

Only a day, yet forever
Its impulse shall with thee remain;
And the fruit of its labors shall never
Be given to ripen again.

Only a day—just the ripple
Of a leaf on life's stream flowing fast;
Yet bearing an argosy triple:
The future, the present, the past.

Time was, when it glittered before thee,
A part of futurity's dream,
And brighter the heavens were o'er thee
With hope-star's Utopian beam.

Time is, when it hovers around thee,
And lingers an hour by thy side;
While spells of fair promise that bound thee
Go drifting away with the tide.

Time will be, when dawneth the morrow,
When vanished for aye it will be;
A token of pleasure or sorrow,
Its only remembrance for thee.

Only a day, nor yet ever,
Its moments forgotten shall be,
Till bubbles of time-stream forever
Are whelmed in eternity's sea.

—*W. F. Johnson.*

TWO MRS. HATHERLYS.

We were dreadfully poor that winter. My work from the shop was slack, and the prices of fuel and provisions were going uy at a rate that was frightful to people possessed of scanty means.

I felt myself growing sour and common-place every day.

My old black cashmere was beginning to look positively shabby.

I had trimmed my hat for the third season.

As for my boots, I could not bear to put them on for fear of wearing them out.

I made some such remark to mother; whereupon she suggested if I were tempted to parade Main Street in my stockings, I might at least take my boots in my hand in order to let the world know that I owned a pair.

Mother and I were always good company for each other.

In those days we laughed and made more jokes than common in the desperate attempt to crowd off some of the anxiety which weighed heavily on both our hearts.

Three years before everything had seemed so pleasant and hopeful.

I had plenty of work, for which I received a remuneration sufficient to cover our modest expenses.

And then Philip Hatherly was at home.

Philip with his handsome face, broad shoulders, and generous heart.

Somehow after I became acquainted with him everything seemed brighter and easier.

He had such a manly and masterful way of grappliug real or imaginary difficulties that it gave one courage just to see him.

No, we were not lovers then; at least Philip had never said in so many words—

'I love you.

'Will you marry me?'

It had come to be so natural to look for him of an evening—for he always came in—or for him to act as my escort when I went out anywhere, that I did not realize how dear he was to me until he went away.

You see, Philip was one of the firm of Hatherly, Winston & Co., bankers on Broad street.

Old Mr. Hatherly was a widower, very stately and very aristocratic, and I always thought he sent Philip to Australia on purpose to get him away from me.

There was some business complication out there which needed the personal attendance of one of the firm, and Philip was posted off in a great hurry.

He had only time to pack his valise, and run in and bid me good-by.

He looked very solemn, and drew me out into the entry when he went.

As for myself, I couldn't help the tears in my eyes, although I did try my best to smile.

'Good-bye, dear Minnie,' he said, looking at me wistfully; 'I never expected to go away from you in such a hurry.

'There is something I would say to you, but have no time.

'Heaven bless the man who first invented the postal system—I will write.'

And then like one in a dream I felt myself drawn nearer, and Philip bent down and kissed me for the first time in our acquaintance.

The next moment he was gone, and I was sitting on the back stairs, crying disconsolately.

But I had the promised letter to look forward to, and I used to wonder, with a little thrill of rapture, how it would be written—into what words he would put the love which I was sure he felt for me.

Well, the days, weeks, and months went by, and no letter came.

I thought at first that he might be sick or dead; and I used to make it in my way up from the ferry to pass the big banking-house on Broad Street, hoping to get a glimpse of old Mr. Hatherly, thinking to judge from his appearance whether any ill had befallen Philip.

But although I often saw him passing up the granite steps, his face always wore the same stately and complacent expression, and I dared not inquire for the one of whom my heart was full.

One day, when Philip had been absent about a year, I saw Mr. Hatherly in the street, talking with another man. As I passed them I heard the gentleman say—

'And how is Philip? Still in Australia?'

I slackened my swift pace in order to catch the answer.

It came in Mr. Hatherly's slow and precise tones—

Philip was quite well and still in Australia.

He would not return for the present.

Then all hope went out of me.

Philip was alive and well, and had not written.

I had made a horrible mistake.

He did not love after all.

I felt hot with mortification when I recalled the hasty kiss in the entry.

Why did I permit it?

How lightly he must have esteemed me to venture on such a familiarity!

Mother tried to comfort me, but in vain.

That night my pillow was wet with bitter tears. but in the morning I arose and began my day's work with the firm determination to live down that miserable feeling of pain and despair.

Some wretched days followed—days of weariness and heart-ache that there was no help for; but after a while some of my old courage came back to me.

After all mother and I got a good deal of comfort out of life.

She was the only sweetheart left to me; and when we had an extra dollar to spend for any little luxury we are quite jolly.

But the winter which I mentioned at the opening of my story, our prospects are anything but encouraging.

Mother's health was not very good, and although I tried and tried to obtain more remunerative employment, my efforts were fruitless.

One day coming in from a disheartened search for work, I found mother in the middle of the floor, looking disconsolately at the stove.

The long pipe which ran up and entered the chimney near the ceiling had tumbled down, and lay amid a sprinkling of soot upon the floor.

Mother's hands were quite black, and her face wore a look of desperation comical to behold.

Despite my weariness and anxiety I sat down on the lounge, and laughed and laughed, until mother was half-provoked with me.

'It's no laughing matter, Minnie.

'The pipe is down, and a stove man will charge a dollar to reset it; and we haven't but ninety-six cents in the house.'

That sobered me.

'Mamma,' said I, throwing down my hat upon the table, and drawing off my cloak with an air of resolution, 'I will set that stove.'

'You?' said mother, laughing a little; 'your father never could set a stove, and I don't believe you can.'

'I will, or die in the attempt!' I exclaimed.

Accordingly I doffed my dress for an old wrapper, tied up my head in a red cotton handkerchief, and with my hands covered with a pair of mother's old gloves, I went to work.

I pushed the table close to the chimney, and placed a footstool upon the table, and clambered to the top.

Mother steadied the pipe while I endeavored to put it where it belonged.

I was in a state of grum determination.

Mother was convulsed with laughter because of the smudges of soot across my face, and the red turban which bound up my dark locks, and which she declared made me look like a chimney sweep.

Just at that moment the door bell rung.

'You'll have to go, Minnie,' said mother, 'because if I let go this pipe it will come down again.'

'It is only an agent for something or other,' said I crossly, bending from my elevation to peer out of the window at a man who stood upon the steps, his long beard white with the swiftly driven snow, and a small valise in his hand.

'If he knew that our sole capital consisted of ninety-six cents, I don't think he would ring again,' I added as a second impatient appeal rang through the hall.

Then I took a flying leap to the door, and went to answer the summons.

'We don't want anything,' I said shortly, before the man could speak.

'We have no money to spend, and we are very much engaged.'

'To whom are you engaged, Minnie?' queried a familiar voice shaking with suppressed laughter.

Then he pulled off the soft felt hat which had shaded his eyes, and stepped into the hall, closing the door after him, and I knew, in spite of the magnificent beard which had so altered him, that Philip Hatherly stood before me.

I could not articulate a syllable.

Philip drew me into the sitting-room, and went up to mother.

'Mamma,' he said, 'do you know me?'

Down came the stove-pipe with a crash, and both of mother's smutty hands went into Philip's; while with a tender and respectful gesture, he bent and touched her forehead with his lips.

The next minute he picked me up in his arms and was kissing me and laughing at me, while I sobbed hysterically upon his shoulder.

'Why didn't you answer my letter Minnie?' he queried at length.

'I did not get any letter,' I replied, lifting my head to look at him.

He burst into a little irrepressible laugh, and mother exclaimed—

'Oh Minnie, you look ridiculous!

'How can you bear to touch her Philip?'

Philip led me to the looking-glass.

My red turban was pushed askew, and my happy tears mingling with the soot had streaked my face like an Indian warrior's.

Philip took out his handkerchief, and began gravely to wipe my dirty cheeks, while he explained that, not hearing from me, he had written to his father.

The old gentleman had sent back a curt note to the effect that he didn't know anything about me, and that Phlip had better make up his mind to look elsewhere for a wife.

Phllip rightly guessed that his letters to me had miscarried, and his first thought on arriving home was to call at the old place.

What a happy day was that!

Philip pulled off his overcoat, and in fifteen minutes that stove was properly set and a brisk fire burning away cheerily within, while my hero washed his hands at the kitchen sink, and laughingly advised a free use of soap and water in my own case.

Yes, we were married in the following week, and went to housekeeping in the city.

Old Mr. Hatherly was terribly angry at first, but Philip finally persuaded him to take tea with us one night.

And mother so delighted him with her quiet pleasant lady-like manner, that three months later he make her an offer of marriage, and, reader, tomorrow there will be another Mrs. Hatherly.

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A CHRISTMAS FEAST.

MR. EDITOR.—Through the kindness of the Episcopalian ladies of Ann Arbor, a Christmas festival and tree was held at the Washtenaw County House, on Wednesday last. Presents had been provided for each inmate of the house, and no one was forgotten. Services were held by the rector, Mr. Hall, of the Episcopal church, Ann Arbor and everything passed off very pleasantly. A number of the people from Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti were present. All seemed to appreciate the management of the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. McDowell, who are so admirably qualified to fill the position they occupy. Long may the ladies live to carry on this good work and be a blessing to these aged pilgrims who are nearing the brink of the river. H. A. P.

PERSONALS.

Frank Pearson is home from Chicago.

Miss Lucy Jenness is visiting in Detroit.

Josiah Crampton from Vernon, Mich, and her mother are visiting Mrs. McDowell.

We met Mr. P.D. Woodruff and his brother of East Saginaw in town Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Allen spent Christmas with her parents at Manchester.

Miss Jennie Quirk receives New Year's calls with Mrs. Arch Dean of Detroit.

Alac Schemil is spending a few weeks in Caro.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wortley are spending Christmas at their old home C. King.

Miss Mary Putnam teaching at Charlotte is home for the Holidays.

Miss Lutie Earl is spending her vacation at home.

Auditor Gen. Stevens elect has been a recent guest of E. M. Comstock.

F. A. Graves though badly hurt by a fall is good for another farm campaign.

Misses. Mamie and Georgie Wilkinson of Cleveland have been visiting Miss Ollie spencer.

Mrs. S. H. Dodge and daughter Rettie are in Lansing to attend the wedding of Miss Bertie Whitney the neice of the former.

Mr. N. Fowler is home again as pleasant as ever from his visit to friends in various parts of the state.

Mr. and Mrs. Grove Sevey are visiting their son and daughter Mr. L. G. Sevey and Mrs. Chas. Tower at Cedar Springs.

Miss Carrie Towner is spending the Holidays in Detroit. Miss Nannie teaching at Utica, is at home.

N. B. Perkins of the famous town of Oriska, D. T. was expected this week, we have not heard of his arrival.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Showerman of Lyons, Iowa, is spending a few weeks with his brother L. D. Showerman.

Miss Dr. French is visiting her friends for a short time, she intends making Detroit her home hereafter.

Legislator King will be on hand promptly at the beginning of the session. He is doubtless in favor of Woodman for the Senate.

The friends of Emmons Spencer who for the past fifteen years has been a resident of California will be pleased to learn, has been elected Probate Judge of Lake City, Modoc Co.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Comstock, went this week to Green Oak to attend the funeral of Mrs. Mary Bingham, the widow of Kinsley S. Bingham, Michigan's first and most popular Republican Governor. Mrs. Comstock is a relative.

Josiah Childs, Augusta is spending the winter with his daughter Mrs. D. A. Horner, Caro. His absence connected with the recent deaths of Aaron and J. Webster makes the neighborhood seem lonely.

Mrs. Matt Stein returned the first of the week from Paris, France, on a visit to her parents. She has been absent nearly eight months. She says "Paris is the place to live." Without medicine she has returned completely restored to health.

Andrew Campbell, N. C. Carpenter and wife, H. D. Platt and wife, Mrs. J. Webster Childs, attended the State Grange at Lansing. H. D. Platt was chosen to fill the important position on the state executive committee recently so ably filled by the lamented J. Webster Childs.

The sturdy farmers of the nation responded to the call of Mr. J. H. Reall, and assembled in Chicago last week. They were all here, and were easily distinguishable by the fashionable cut of their pantaloons, their soft delicate hands and plug hats. A large proportion of them carried in their hands bean poles and fork handles, which they used for walking sticks, and wore upon the shirt fronts the sparkling diamond which is now so commonly seen among the great mass of American farmers. Patent leather boots and massive watch chains, together with carefully waxed moustaches, were also frequently seen among these hardy sons of toil, who had gathered from their farm and stock yards to discuss the important subject of agriculture.

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